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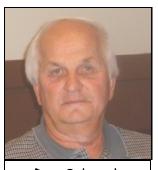


# BOARD ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

By Pat Markert



Chris Schurrer



Dan Sobczyk



Darlene Sobczyk



Joe Dolezal

The JIllinois Region Board met on January 20 at Steven's Restaurant in Woodridge to complete the business of 2017 and to introduce the newly elected board. The first order of business for the new board was the election of officers.

Bob Markert called the meeting to order and started the election process with nominations for the new President. After much discussion and some negotiations, Chris Schurrer volunteered to take on the job. The vote was unanimous and Chris was elected to serve as President.

Dan Sobczyk said he would serve again as Vice-President and was re-elected. Darlene also volunteered to serve another term as Secretary. Joe Dolezal said he would stay on as Treasurer until a replacement could be found. Chris Schurrer and Bob Markert will be working together on a replacement for Joe.

Introduced at the meeting were the newly elected Board members. This was the result of the ballots sent in my members before December 31st. There were 341 ballots sent out and 162 returned,

meaning that about 48% of the ballots were returned. These members will serve until 2020.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Joanna Vroman



Jim Sikora



Jerry Bodden



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

February 17 - Silver Springs BOWLING PARTY at Hometown Lanes, 209 W. Main St., Plano, IL / 3 pm to 7 pm / bowling, pool tables and darts/ other chapters are invited, for cost contact Al Matison 815-414-1239

March 10 - Region BOARD MEETING hosted by Fox Valley. More information to follow.

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

March 24—Fox Valley PIZZA PARTY at Melinda's Pizza at 940 N. York Rd, Elmhurst, IL from 5—9 pm. More info? Contact Dan Sobczyk

April 8 - Region SWAP MEET at Don McCue Chevrolet, 2015 E. Main St. (Rt. 64), St. Charles, IL./ West of Kirk Rd. on Rt. 64/8 am to 1 pm/ \$5 entry & \$20 vendor spaces.

April 14-15 - Waukegan-North Shore DUST OFF TOUR to White Pines. For information see flyer on pages 17-18. contact Tom Barosso 847-224-0253 or itstom@att.net

May 27 - Silver Springs Chapter annual CAR SHOW AND FLEA MARKET. See flyer page 19.

June 2-3 - Region SPRING TOUR TO West Bend, WI hosted by Waukegan-North Shore Chapter. More information to follow.

July 22 - Region CAR SHOW at Cantigny Park in Wheaton. For more information contact Bob Markert (Show Manager) 630-852-9893 or rjmarkert42@ail.com

August 12 - Waukegan-North Shore SUMMER PICNIC at Hastings Lake Forest Preserve at 21155 W Gelden Rd, Lake Villa, IL 60046. Times and cost will follow.



# NATIONAL NEWS

For more information on National events see aaca.org

February 8-10 - AACA Annual Meeting Philadelphia, PA

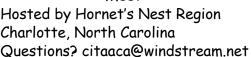
March 2-3 - Meet in Puerto Rico Cancelled

March 22-24 - Winter National Meet/ Mobile AL Registration Chair: Vicki Bolton 205-223-3753/ vickibolton@bellsouth.net

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

Registration flyer is on pages 21-22. Jack Gallagher /Parts Meet Registrar 301-674-5431 or smraaca@aol.com

April 5-7 - Southeastern Spring
Meet





April 20-21 - Western Spring

Meet/ Tucson, AZ

Hosted by Tucson Region

Registration Chair: Roy Ireland
520-591-1140 or royireland802@gmail.com

May 11-12 - Central Spring Meet Auburn, IN. Registration Chair: Pat Buckley

May 31 -June 2 - Annual Grand National/ Greensburg, PA. Hosted by Western PA Region

pbuckley@aaca.org

Contact: President John Kuhns 2552 Raymond Ave./ Latrobe, PA 15650/ 412-558-0994





# Other Events of Interest

For other events of interest, see page 14.

# THE ACTING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings to all members of the Illinois Region;

This is the first time I am writing you as the newly elected President of the Illinois Region. I look forward to serving my term in the best interests of the Region and its members.

First, I must thank Bob Markert, who has been the Region President for the past several years, for all of the hard work, effort, and the certainly countless hours he has given to progressing our Region to where it is today. Thank you again for your service, and I looked forward to working with you projects to come.

This past Board Meeting in January, I heard of all the events being planned by the chapters in the Region. From parties to tours to preparing for car shows, there is much happening all over our Region this year. I look forward to them and seeing familiar and new faces in attendance.

As we begin a new year of events, make sure to bring those friends you know who would have interest in the antique automobile hobby. During my life-long history as a member, I wouldn't trade the camaraderie I have experienced for anything. We come for the cars, we stay for the people.

See you further down the road.

# Chris



# FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK. . .



Hi All,

I have big news to share with you this month. I am announcing that on December 31, 2018, I will be resigning as editor of Sidelights.

I have, unfortunately, a particularly pernicious type of diabetes. Even though I worked hard to bring my numbers down and succeeded in doing that, the diabetes continues to play havoc with my sight.

My vision is blurring. It is hard for me to type, read and proof read the paper. It has been worsening for some time and is now aggravating enough that I need to hand over the paper to someone else.

I need your help. I need someone to step up and volunteer to take over. I am telling you now in the hope that I would be able to work with the new editor for the next few months showing him/her how I do things, answering questions and helping them into the job as much as I can.

The new editor needs to be a self-starter as the end of the month has a way of sneaking up on you. He or she also needs to be fairly good on the computer. I do the paper using Publisher, but I think it could be done in Word.

Perhaps I give myself too much credit, but I believe the paper is important to the Region and Chapters as a unifying factor. I think it keeps us informed about what has happened and excites us about what is coming.

As for me? I believe in playing the hand that life deals us, so I am moving on with a sense of excitement.

Pat



# SPRING TOUR IS ON FIRE AT FIRE TRUCK MUSEUM

One of the stops on this year's SPRING TOUR will be the Venerable Fire Collection in rural Washington County in Slinger, WI.



Fire vehicle museum owned and founded by Keith Franz



Keith Franz founded this museum in 1961. This picture was taken at his museum in 2013.



A whole wall of alarm systems showing the evolution of this aspect of fire fighting history.













# DO YOU KNOW?

Rebates on automobile purchases were first used to entice buyers in what year and for what car?



Answer pg. 14



# MY WARNING SIGNS

Ny Pat Markert

When I had my stroke in November of 2016, one of the things for which I was grateful is that I had seen a TV commercial about the signs of a stoke and how important it is to get to the hospital very quickly.

My first signs were that I cold not talk. When I opened my mouth to speak, gibberish came out. I knew I was having a stroke and Bob called 911 immediately. When I arrived at the hospital, they were able to give me a shot to dissipate the effects of the stroke because I had gotten there within 2 HOURS of the time the original stroke happened. I was lucky.

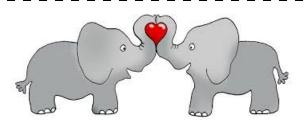
On a recent mailing from the American Heart Association, they listed the signs of a stroke. Here they are:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body. (My stroke attacked the right side.)
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding. (My stoke had me speaking gibberish. I knew what I wanted to say, but could not make my mouth get the words out).
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
   (Didn't have this).
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination. (Didn't have this).
- Sudden severe headache with no known cause. (Didn't have this).

Any of the symptoms may be temporary and last only a few minutes. My sysmptoms kept coming and going. One minute I was talking gibberish and the next I was speaking clear as a bell. DON'T IGNORE THEM!

If symptoms appear, call 911 to get help immediately. You only have 2-3 hours to get to the hospital so they can minimize the damage done by the stroke.

My sincere hope is that if this happens to you, you will remember reading this column and get help right away.



# LICHTFELD TROPHY AWARDED

Bob & Sue Wenderski have been long time members of the Region who have been very active in their Waukegan-North Shore Chapter as well as in the Region.

They have both been helping with the Region Car Show since it was located in Lake Forest. When it was moved to Cantigny, it was Bob who worked out an easier judging system so it could be done more quickly.



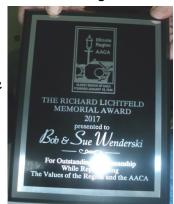
Bob Wenderski, President Bob Markert and Sue holding the large Lichtfeld Trophy.

When the Region took on the National Meet in Oak Brook, Bob traveled to several shows so he would accumulate enough points to be our head judge. Sue was a big help with interpreting the finer points of the contracts we were signing. Bob has helped with many tours including the Au-

burn tour which the Board had to take on when the Cadillac Chapter withdrew. He also served as the Region Vice -President for several years.

In addition, they have been very active in the Waukegan-North Shore Chapter where they have done several Brighton Run tours and day tours. They have also helped with many other dinners, parties and other events. For all these reasons, they were nominated and awarded this honor.

Congrats to Bob & Sue!!!



The Plaque presented to Bob & Sue for winning the Lichtfeld award reads "The Richard Lichtfeld Memorial Award 2017 presented to Bob & Sue Wenderski for outstanding sportsmanship while representing the vales of the Region and the AACA."

# SILVER SPRINGS CHAPTER CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAYS

On January 7 2018, the members of the Silver Springs Chapter gathered together at the Village Courtyard Restaurant in Somonauk to celebrate the end of the holiday season.

Considering the date, the weather was reltively mild and so a lot of members were able to attend. As usual, the Courtyard Restaurant did an admirable job with the food, followed by their wonderful pies for dessert.

A good time was had by all.



Front Row: L to R Jack Weymouth, Carla Baxter, Tom Roche, Bob Markert/

2nd row: Bob Ronning, Mary Weymouth Candy Medgyesi, Jean Roche, Terri & Rick Shaw, Pat Markert & John Baxter/

3rd row: Jane Voss with Andy peeking over her shoulder, John Medygesi, Chris Schurrer, Connie & Don Baker, Al Matison, Rhonda & Norm Olson and Michelle & Jim Olson.

# CHANGES IN THE LAWS STARTING JANUARY 1, 2018

By Lee Nelson

- 1. Motorists may now legally pass bicycles in no passing zone and it allows bicycles to drive on the shoulder.
- 2. Car dealerships are prohibited from allowing cars to be driven off of the premises with any type of sign or decal that could obstruct a drivers view.
- 3. Fire and emergency vehicles are now exemptedfrom all size, weight and load limits in the Illinois Vehicle Code except on Class 1 highways.
- 4. Secretary of State may now electronically

verify auto insurance policies..

- 5. Semis can now be 65 feet long instead of the previous 55 feet long on class III highways and other non-designated state highways.
- 6. Coast Guard license plates are now available. Vets with vet specific plates can replace them with another type of plate for free.
- 7. The Secretary of State is required to include a person's email address (if available) when you are applying for a title and registration.
- 8. No person shall operate, register, or maintain registration of a motor vehicle in the state, unless vehicle is covered by a liability insurance policy.

# FOX VALLEY PARTIES

BY Cheryl Woosley

On Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 39 members of the Fox Valley Chapter traveled to Westmont to Bohemian Crystal to enjoy hearty comfort food and conversation with old and new friends.

There was a brief business meeting that included congratulating Chris Schurrer on his recent election to President of the Illinois Region.



Enjoying conversation and company are(L to R) Emily & Reuben Taylor, Ed and Debby Leed and Joan Falk

Bob Markert was thanked for his years of service as President.

All of the FV chapter officers were retained. Treasurer Darlene Sobczyk reported that our net difference for the year was only \$42.22. President Dan Sobczyk stated our dinner was subsidized because our treasury has almost \$5,000. He announced activities for the



Happy to see Cheryl & Wayne Rissmann after Cheryl's bout with pneumonia last year.

year. Our next gathering will be a Pizza Party on 3/24. Before our grab bag we had a fun quiz, .

mostly about old Western TV shows. Winners received a nice red baseball style cap thanks to the generosity of Reuben Taylor. In addition to our grab bag gifts Pat Markert presented each couple with a hand crocheted hot pad. Thanks to Pat!

We were all grateful for the unseasonably warm and dry weather as we headed home



Ann and Tom Kleinschmidt joined the holiday celebration.



Dan Sobczyk tells a story to Cheryl & Dale



Diane & Al Benning are listening to a fascinating story told by Warren Lauridsen

Warren
Lauridsen
and Ron
Pavlak enjoy the
conversation.



Arizona Chapter Report

# 2018 Barrett-Jackson Memories

By Don Juday

Billed as the "world's greatest collectible car auction," the 2018 Barrett-Jackson Auction was held in Scottsdale, AZ on January 13-21.

As my friends and I entered the main gate, we were greeted by a jaw dropping one-of-a -kind 1951 Talbot-Lago T-26 Grand Sport Saoutchik Coupe. With that kind of start we were convinced that the rest of the day could only be a letdown. Were we ever wrong. Whether it was the '53 Buick Skylark Convertible with its "sweepspear" chrome side trim; or the '53 Oldsmobile Fiesta Convertible with its "hockeystick" side chrome: or the "streamlined" '48 and '51 Studebaker Champions; or the '31 Model A Ford Roadster Deluxe; or the last known Plymouth HEMI 'Cuda built; or the '57 DeSoto Adventurer Convertible; or the '34 Chrysler Airflow with its art deco styling; or the '31 Model A Ford "Woody" Station Wagon once owned by Mary Tyler Moore; each of the over 1700 cars had its own story to tell and its unique family tree.

Automobilia was also represented at this prestigious event. One of my favorites was a 1935 Chrysler Airflow pedal car by Steelcraft. But perhaps the most unusual item up for auction was the "car lovers' carousel." This exquisite



"transportation-themed" ride was created by Wilhelm Hennecke Karussellfabrik in Uelzen, Germany in 1957 for a children's amusement park in the Mid-West United States. There are 27 different handcrafted vehicles on the carousel with leather interiors and working headlights and tail lights. The amazing carousel sold for over \$550,000.

After close looks at our favorite vehicles and a quick look at all of the others, we ended our day and headed home tired but happy. Happy for

the opportunity to see an unbelievable collection of automobiles and the collectibles connected to them and happy that our wallets stayed firmly in our pockets.

### SIGHTS FRO M AROUND THE GROUNDS:







# OVERNIGHTER DUST OFF TOUR April 14 & 15, 2018

BY Tom Barosso & Betty Klafta

The Waukegan-North Shore Chapter is hosting the Overnighter Dust Off Tour to Ogle & Lee counties in Illinois with an overnight stay at the White Pines Forest State Park. In the heart of the Rock River Valley, White Pines Forest is a 385 acre state park, originally constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corp in the 1930's.



Set among towering pines, White Pines Resort Cabins are traditional, yet modern, featuring hardwood floors and hand hewn queen log beds. Each cabin has keyless entry, shower, hair dryer, mini frig, gas fireplace, closet, table & chair, cable TV with movie channel, WIFI, AC and heat.

A limited number of cabins have been secured at the VERY special flat rate of \$125 including tax AND, if you choose to stay over on Sunday night, the flat rate is ONLY \$62!

Reserve your cabin today by calling White Pines Resort directly at 815-946-3817. You must mention the ILLINOIS REGION AACA to receive the great rates. Call soon, the deadline for the great rate is Monday, February 26.

Cabin choices are individual free standing

cabins or "Quad" cabins, (4 one room cabins under one roof with adjoining interior doors; all



with private entrance and bath). All cabins are non-smoking and no pets.



# COCA-COLA BRISKET

I found this recipe in my insurance company's newsletter. It sounded yummy and easy. I have to be honest, I have not tried it yet, but I will.



# Ingredients:

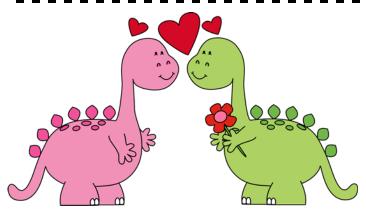
- 1 large trimmed beef brisket
- 1 12-ounce can Coca Cola
- 3 tbs. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 nion sliced
- 1 whole garlic clove
- 1 16 ounce bottle of Pace picante sauce, medium
- 1 12 ounce can frozen limeade
- 1/2 c. apple juice
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tbs. pepper

### Directions:

Put whole brisket in large aluminum pan. Sprinkle on salt and pepper and then stab about 6 times with a knife.

Pour the Coca Cola, picante sauce, frozen limeade, apple juice and Worcestershire sauce over the meat. Topping with onion and garlic.

Cover with foil and put in the oven at 250° for 6 -8 hours. You may also use pork butt in place of the brisket.



# Our History



FROM 1970 JANUARY—FEBRUARY SIDE-LIGHTS

# MY OTHER LOVE

By Ambrose J. Weems

Many years ago, my wife, in all innocence, urged me to take up the hobby of restoring an antique car. Little did she know that she would live to regret this indiscretion. Now she spends long, lonely week-ends staring at the tube while I spend short, busy week-ends working on "the car".

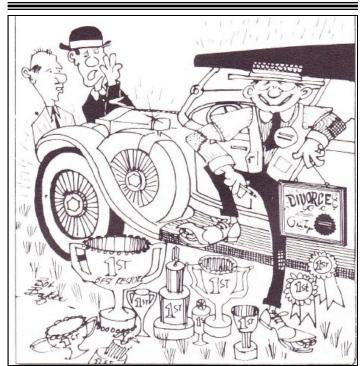
She thought it would be nice if I had a hobby. She had in mind the antique car that reposed in my uncle's garage gradually deteriorating from neglect. It would be nice to fix up that old sedan and make it run again. How could she know that it would soon share the garage with three more antique cars? Soon it became evident that spare funds were disappearing into upholstery, tires, needed parts and "goodies", instead of new carpeting, furniture, and a much needed interior redecorating job.

A new shop appeared in the back yard instead of the second bath during the remodeling a few years ago. Now the shrubbery goes longer between pruning, the crabgrass is gaining on the bluegrass, and the storm windows remain up all summer. But one Model T emerged from obscurity to roll once more in its original pristine beauty.

The old sedan still rests patiently awaiting its turn, but the dream of a little hobby for her hubby has become a prickly reality. The hobby has become a love affair in which the "other woman" is named Ford. She demands much and gives nothing tangible. The other woman is becoming a harem while the once attentive hubby now dreams and plans for shows and tours at which to show off his other love.

Oh, 'tis true that wife is always invited along, but she seems to find small consolation in sharing her problems with other wives. They are sympathetic but have not found an answer either. A few adopt the philosophy, "If you can't beat them, join them," but this is admitting defeat and does not return the family relationship to its status b.c. (before car).

Well gals, speaking as a hooked hobbyist and husband, I can only advise you from experience. Don't fight the "other woman". Let him run his affair on to its end. You can't force him back into the house. Instead, study the attraction of your competition and then take advantage of your peculiar assets. Show him how much more you have to offer and be patient. You'll discover that cold machinery is really no match for you. You probably will never recover the "before car" relationship, but it's a good bet that your evenings and week-ends will have more than TV shows on the agenda. You'll discover new friends who are genuine, and you'll find that a different way of life exists that is better than the good one you had b.c.



"He went all the way on this one."



HAPPY PRESIDENT'S DAY!



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 Bee- tle: the Crea- tion of a 21st Century Classic	Wood, Jonathan	\$7.00
Mercedes SL Evolution, Res- toration Data	Meredith, Laur- ence	\$7.00
Ferrari Classics	Laban, Brian	\$7.00

# FOR SALE.

**1965** Cadillac Calais 4 door hardtop. \$11,000.







# WANTED:

I am looking for leads on a 1994 - 1996 Cadillac Fleetwood. Solid body and good mechanics a must.



Knowledge of history of car a definite plus. Please contact Christopher Schurrer with info and pictures. (815) 382 - 0238 or hpdog259962@gmail.com

# FOR SALE

New in the box, never used-Covercraft-soft tan flannel car cover probably more for indoor use though it says treated for water repellency. Fits extra



large American car. Was ordered for late sixties, early seventies full size Ford.

\$175.00 or best offer.

Contact John Palka cell 847-370-6902 or email at <a href="mailto:palka@att.net">palka@att.net</a>.

Thank you

# ISO:

Looking for a garage, warehouse, or barn space for one vehicle or several.

Immediate occupancy.

Gonzo Terry 847-630-7955
gonzo5240@aol.com



# ISO:

Looking to buy a used enclosed car trailer, 20' minimum length.

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# FOR SALE

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



BOTH FOR \$12,500 CONTACT Lee Nelson 815-600-5311



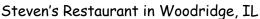


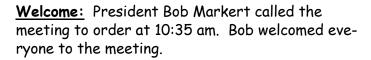




# BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Host Chapter: Illinois Region Board Location:





Roll Call: Present - Bob Markert, Dan Sobczyk, Darlene Sobczyk, Lee Nelson, Joe Dolezal, Al Matison, Andy Voss, Pat Markert, Nancy Nelson, Steve Kolish, Rick Shaw, Chris Schurrer, and John Otto. Guest: Warren Lauridsen, Al and Diane Benning, Tom Barrosso, Betty Klafta, Bob and Sue Wenderski, Linda Dolezal, Jim Sikora and Jerry Bodden.

Secretary's Report: Motion was made to accept report as written. Al Matison moved to accept. Rick Shaw seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Dolezal reported he had two reports, the quarterly and the annual: Quarterly - Beginning balance was \$18,526.65. Income was \$3,923.00. Expenses were \$1,035.15 leaving an ending balance of \$21,414.50

Annual - Beginning balance was \$17,711.03. Income was \$10,236.00 leaving an ending balance of \$21,414.50. Pat Markert moved to accept the reports. Rick Shaw seconded. Motion passed.

# Standing Committee Reports:

Ballot Committee - Pat Markert reported she mailed out 341 ballots, 162 received of which 5 were spoiled. The committee consisting of Linda Dolezal, Ron Pavlak and herself counted the ballots and the three directors elected were Jerry Bodden, Jim Sikora and Joanna Vroman. Pat reported the 5 spoiled ballots would not have altered the results.

Membership - Andy Voss reported currently there are 148 member. He provided a handout of non-renewed members. He asked the chapter presidents to contact non-renewed members in

their chapter and get back to him. Andy wanted to know, who is responsible to mail the roster to National - it is the responsibly of the person who is doing the roster.

**Publications** - Per Pat Market nothing new. She reminded everyone to get articles and information into her by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Legislation: Lee Nelson reported this was the first of the year - the State of Illinois had 200 new laws - only a few applied to automobiles: Per Lee: 1. Motorists may now legally pass bicycles in a no-passing zone and it allows bicycles to drive on the shoulder. 2. Car dealerships are prohibited from allowing cars to be driven off of the premises with any type of sign or decal that could obstruct a driver's view. 3. Fire and emergency vehicles are now exempted from all size, weight and load limits in the Illinois Vehicle Code except on Class 1 highways. 4. Secretary of State may now electronically verify auto insurance policies. 5. Semis can now be 65 feet long instead of the previous 55 feet long on class III highways and other non-designated state highways. 6. Coast Guard license plates are now available. Vets with vet specific plates can replace them with another type of plate for free. 7. The Secretary of State is required to include a person's email address (if available) when you are applying for a title and registration. 8. No person shall operate, register, or maintain registration of a motor vehicle in the state—unless vehicle is covered by a liability insurance policy.

Archivist: Chris Schurrer reported nothing has changed since last meeting. He did receive a request for some dash plaques for which we have duplicates and, since he had to go through them, he might as well do an inventory. His goal is to complete by April 2018.

**Website** - Dan Sobczyk reported the website is currently up to date. In approximately three months, there will be changes for the better including a counter. Dan informed all that he currently is taking a website class.

# Chapter Activities:

Des Plaines Valley: Lee Nelson - regarding the fly in breakfast in May, it is a possibility they will do it again. They have a meeting coming up; he will know more for the next meeting.

Fox Valley: Dan Sobczyk - The Christmas party for 2017 will be on Saturday January 27, 2018 at the Bohemian Crystal - all AACA members are welcome. The Pizza party will be held on March 24, 2018 - same place as last year in Elmhurst at 5:00pm, besides Pizza, there will be pasta, salad and dessert

Silver Springs: Al Matison - They had their Christmas party Dinner; February 17<sup>th</sup> will have their annual bowling party - all are welcomed. They are currently working on the car show.

Waukegan/North Shore: Chris Schurrer - They had their Christmas party with elections of officers - no changes but they added a new position, Sidelights reporter, who will be Bill Vroman. 2-11 -18 will be the Pizza Party, 3-18-18 the St. Patrick Party and their Dust office will be an overnighter April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Tom Barosso and Betty Klafta provided an overview: meeting at Mariano's on Golf Rd, Hoffman Estates; touring to White Pines State Park - a block of 25 cabins has been arranged. To get the reduced rate reservations must be made by 2-26-18. We will be returning on Sunday - if anyone wanted to stay an extra night, it would be at a reduced rate.

<u>Old Business:</u> The By-Laws approval. Pat Markert handed out the revised by-laws, she will mail a copy to National. (She will reprint for March meeting). Pat also handed out the Schedule of Events and Activities for 2018. She reminded all that if a date is already scheduled by another Chapter it cannot be schedule for an event for the same date.

New Business: 1) Lichtfeld Award: The members receiving this award for 2017 are Bob and Sue Wenderski. Bob Wenderski made a speech and thanked everyone. (delete this sentence Bob Markert indicated this award normally is handed out at the November meeting.) 2) Old trophies - Since the design of the trophies had changed, Bob asked if anyone wanted the old trophies or should they be given to the Archivist. It was voted that the archivist receive them.

<u>Visitor's Input</u>: Jim Sikora mentioned that the Momence chapter had their Christmas Party for a current and past members. They also had their

last supper which was very nice. Bob Markert again thanked the Momence Chapter for being a Chapter of the Region and stated that they would be missed.

Next meeting is to be on March 10, 2018, hosted by Fox Valley Chapter.

Pat Markert moved to adjourn. Chris Schurrer seconded.

Adjourned at 11:25 pm for lunch.

Respectfully submitted, Darlene Sobczyk, Secretary

# Illinois Region Board Meeting Minutes - 2nd Meeting

<u>Welcome:</u> President Bob Markert called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Bob welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced the new Board Members: Jerry Bodden; Jim Sikora; Joanna Vroman.

Roll Call: Present - Bob Markert, Dan Sobczyk, Darlene Sobczyk, Lee Nelson, Joe Dolezal, Al Matison, Andy Voss, Pat Markert, Nancy Nelson, Steve Kolish, Chris Schurrer, John Otto, Jerry Bodden, Jim Sikora, and Joanna Vroman. Guest: Warren Lauridsen, Al and Diane Benning, Tom Barrosso, Betty Klafta, Bob and Sue Wenderski, Linda Dolezal, Ed Leed, Rick Shaw and Bill Vroman.

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# Election of Officers:

President - Bob Markert announced he would not be president for the upcoming year. He wishes to step down. After some discussion, Chris Schurrer agreed to accept the nomination. Chris was elected. **Vice President** - Dan Sobczyk was placed in nomination. Dan was elected.

**Secretary** - Darlene Sobczyk was placed in nomination. Darlene was elected.

Treasurer - Joe Dolezal stated it was time for him to step down. There was an indication that there might be a replacement but it would not be known till the March meeting. He agreed to stay on until then at which time we will have an election for his position.

# Region Activities:

2018 Swap on 4-8-18 Committee. Bob Markert reminded all a committee was formed composing of Dan Sobczyk, Chris Schurrer and himself and that it was a region show. The Region will appoint duties to the members.

Spring Tour - June 2-3/Waukegan-North Shore. Chris talked about the tour in West Bend, WI. They are currently working on the tour portion in Milwaukee, WI. Flyer and Registration to be out to members in possibly one month.

Region Car Show - July 22, 2018. Bob Markert reported he has set up the event with Cantigny. He informed us the museum, and all public areas are now opened with lots of improvements. He indicated the construction is an ongoing project not to be completed for some years. He indicated on Sunday nights they have bands performing, therefore, we must be out of the park by 1:30 pm. There was a discussion about moving the venue - pros and cons.

Fall Tour - October 18-21/Silver Springs. Al Matison - they were possibly going to the Peru/LaSalle area but have not started yet.

Calendar and Activities for the Year. Pat asked all to review the previous hand-outs and to keep her informed of any changes. Dan Sobczyk asked to be informed for the website. There was a discussion about Chapters hosting the meetings the same month each year, she was wondering if that was a problem. Everyone agreed it was acceptable. Regarding the Spring and Fall Tours, it was agreed that the Spring Tours will be assigned to either Waukegan-North Shore or Fox Valley Chapters and the Fall Tours will be assigned to either Silver Springs or Des Plaines Valley. All agreed.

Roster Deadlines - Contact Members - Choose dates for Activities. Pat Markert reported that once a date is chosen and is already on the

calendar nothing from another chapter can be scheduled on that date. She requested dates be provided to her by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of each month. Pat mentioned she was doing the roster this year - her goal is to get the roster out by the first week in February. She also asked that the Chapter presidents be in contact with the members that did not renew (list provided by Andy Voss in the first meeting).

Visitors Input - None

Pat Markert moved to adjourn. Chris Schurrer seconded

Adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Darlene Sobczyk, Secretary

# Other Events of Interest

February 18 - 27th Annual Buick Olds Pontiac Cadillac SWAP MEET & Car Corral. Kane County Fairgrounds, 525 S. Randall Rd., St. Charles, IL / 8 am to 2 pm; \$6 for public; \$45 vendor spaces. Contact Randy 630-554-2383 or bopcswap@mail.com
See flyer on page 20

March 18 - 34th Annual Winter Swap at Friendly Ford, 333 E. Irving Park Rd, Roselle IL./ admission \$5/ For information: Mark Maron/ 847 -302-7900 or a7191mark@gmail.com. See flyer pages 23-24



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