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IMPORTANT INFORMATION.....

DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS AND THE "STAY AT HOME" DECLARATION BY OUR GOVERNOR...

**THE SWAP MEET
SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 5TH
HAS BEEN CANCELLED!**

PLEASE SEE THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS LISTING ON PAGES 2, 4 & 14 FOR MORE INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE STATUS OF OTHER CLUB EVENTS TO DATE.



Upcoming EVENTS

<p>April 5 - Region SWAP MEET at Don McCue Chevrolet, 2015 E. Main St. (Rt. 64), St. Charles, IL. 8 am to 1 pm/ See page 12 for details. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT TO START SETTING UP AT 6am. Please contact Chris Schurrer.</p>
<p>April 18 - Des Plaines Valley Chapter - Bob Lederer Car Collection Tour. See Page 13.</p>
<p>April 19 - Fox Valley Chapter- Joliet Jake Tour. POSTPONED</p>
<p>May 2 or 3 - Waukegan-North Shore DUST OFF TOUR. ????</p>
<p>May 14-17 - Region SPRING TOUR To Baraboo, WI hosted by Waukegan-North Shore Chapter. See page 5 for lodging information.</p>
<p>May 24 - Silver Springs Chapter annual CAR SHOW AND FLEA MARKET.</p>
<p>May 30 - Des Plaines Valley Chapter - Nike Tour.</p>
<p>June 6 or 7 - Fox Valley Chapter- Summer Tour.</p>
<p>June 30 - Silver Springs Chapter - Rockford Tour.</p>
<p>June TBA - Des Plaines Valley Chapter - Fly-In.</p>



Full Calendar on Page 14.

NATIONAL NEWS

For more information on National and other events see aaca.org

2020 Nationals & Tours

- April 23-25 • Western Spring • Show Low, AZ - **CANCELLED**
- April 26-May 1 • Founders Tour • Show Low, AZ - **CANCELLED**
- May 7-9 • Central Spring • Auburn, IN. **CANCELLED**
- May 13-16 • East Div. Tour • East Shore of MD
- June 7-12 • Sentimental Tour • Davis, WV
- June 12-13 • SE Spring • Charlotte, NC
- June 24-27 • Eastern Spring • Beckley, WV
- July 19-24 • Reliability Tour • Lock Haven/Wellsboro, PA
- July 23-25 • Grand Nationals • Allentown, PA
- Aug 20-22 • SE Fall • Elizabeth, IN
- Sept 13-18 • Glidden Tour (VMCCA Sponsored) • Saratoga Springs, NY

Other Events of Interest

<p>April 26 - Garage Tour - Hosted by CCCA ???</p>
<p>May 9 - Autobahn Driving School - Hosted by CCCA</p>
<p>June 21 - Father's Day Show - Hosted by CCCA</p>
<p>July TBA - Annual Picnic - Hosted by CCCA</p>
<p>July 12 - Cars Time Forgot Show - Hosted by Delevan Chamber of Commerce. Delevan, WI.</p>
<p>Aug 23 - Geneva Concours - Geneva, IL</p>





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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

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear AACA Members,

The season we long for has been delayed for a while. Hopefully, before long we will be behind the wheel of our dearly beloved antique automobile. Until that time comes, let's enjoy the pleasant hours spent with our families or clean out that closet or cabinet drawer we have been putting off for years.

A number of the activities the club had planned will be cancelled or postponed. If you did not receive word, the swap meet scheduled for Sunday April 5 has been cancelled at the request of Don McQue Chevy.

The Joliet Prison tour has been postponed until a later date.

The AACA National meet at Auburn has also been cancelled.

The Spring tour scheduled for May is on hold until we get a better handle on the situation and an all clear signal is given. The board's VP, Chris Schurrer, is monitoring the situation. The last thing we want to do is to put any of our members in harm's way.

If any of the chapters have an event scheduled, please postpone until a later date.

The Old Car season we long for will begin eventually and we will enjoy every moment of it after this crisis passes as we know it will. Final word: if you have not gotten the name tag information to me, this is the last call. Thanks and be safe.



Monthly Recipe



Here is an easy soup recipe for Easter

Carrot Soup



Ingredients

- 2lbs. carrots (12-14)
- 1 potato (8-9 ounces)
- 3 ounces unsalted butter
- 1 sm. onion, peeled and diced (1/2 cup)
- 1 lg garlic clove
- 1 tsp. ground coriander
- 4 cups chicken broth
- ½ tsp. sugar
- ¼ tsp. salt
- 2 cups milk
- Freshly ground pepper
- 2-3 tbsps. Dry sherry

Instructions

1. Peel carrots and cut crosswise into ½ inch pieces. (5-6 cups) Peel potato and cut into small cubes. (1½ cups)
2. In large saucepan over medium-low heat, melt butter. Add onions and saute while stirring occasionally, until translucent. (5-6 min.) Add garlic and saute while stirring until it changes color. Add carrots, potatoes and coriander and saute, stirring a couple of times, (2-3 min)
3. Add the chicken broth, sugar and salt and over medium heat bring to a simmer, lower heat cover partially and simmer until vegetables are soft. (20-25 minutes)
4. In a food processor with its metal blade attached or a blender, process the vegetables in small batches, with the broth, until a smooth puree.
5. Return to saucepan and add milk and pepper to taste. Place over medium heat and heat to almost a boil. Taste for seasoning and adjust if necessary. If too thick, add more milk. Before serving stir in the sherry to taste.
6. Note: You may top with sour cream & chopped cilantro.

Region News



Wanted for the Archives

Looking for information or documents pertaining to the 2003 Spring Tour which was hosted by the Waukegan - North Shore Chapter in Rockford, IL. Specifically looking for the Tour Sheet but will take anything else. Please contact Chris Schurrer @ 815-344-3775 or hpdog259962@gmail.com.



Hey Everyone! The Spring Tour hosted by the Waukegan North Shore Chapter of A.A.C.A. for May 14 - 17, 2020. has been put on hold! Members will be notified of any changes.

Call for reservations at the Clarion Inn, 626 W. Pine St., Baraboo, WIS 53913. Call (608) 356 - 6422. Mention 'Illinois Region A. A. C. A.' when reserving your room. Rate of \$ 71/night.

Remember - On this tour you will be partying like it's 1989 with our group.

Region News



To all members:

IMPORTANT NOTICE: PLEASE READ AND RESPOND ASAP

This is a notice about the name tags, there is a letter sent with the roster regarding name tags for all members.

Please respond ASAP to the request for the information. We don't want anyone left out. There is a limit of two per household.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Tim and Dawn Ricordati

Dave & Judy Kolzow

Rick and Cyndi Rafferty



Region Events

Waukegan/North Shore St. Patrick's Day Party

By Jo Ann Flynn



The Waukegan North Shore Chapter celebrated St. Patrick's Day early on Sunday, March 15th, at The Curragh of Glenview, a Traditional Irish Pub. Over 30 members enjoyed delicious Irish fare, such as Fish and Chips, Salmon, Guinness Cheese Soup and of course, Corned Beef and Cabbage. But the best part of the celebration was the "craic" (Irish for Fun) had by the members as they chatted about the upcoming car show season. Special Thanks to our host and hostess, Steve and Myrna Kolish, for planning a great event and we're all looking forward to next year's celebration.



Joan and Jerry Bodden, Ruben Taylor



Bob & Renee Grutza, Dan Helgren, Joan & Dick Murray



John and Christine Palka, Melinda and Paul Mauer



Mr & Mrs. Ray Dattilo, Tom and Peggy Schemenauer



Region Events- WNS St. Patrick's Day Pictures



Lizzy and Dan Helgren



Gary and Terry Thomas



Ed and Jo Ann Flynn



Don Schreiber



Harold and Carroll Flood



Chris Schurrer



Jim Wiltse and Mar Robinson



Our hosts, Myrna and Steve Kolish



Jean and Tom Roche



Vintage Photos & a bit of History:

By John Halloran

SOME ILLINOIS REGION members may recall car restorer Bill Hill. I'm not sure if he was ever an AACA member. He'd squeeze a nickel until Jefferson cried, and he tipped waitresses so meagerly, he always complained when they walked past him with a full pot of coffee. Me, they'd pour, while ignoring Bill. Whatever his faults, he could pound on a piece of metal and turn it into something else. As I grew up four doors away from Bill Van Dyken, Bill Hill's best friend, both Bill's were close acquaintances.

Some thirty years ago I accompanied Hill on a trip to Pennsylvania one year, in the fall. It wasn't for Hershey and I don't recall if we picked up a car, but through his connections in a blacksmith association, Bill had a lot of friends who were not car collectors. We stopped in one small town, visited a fellow blacksmith who put him onto a man with an underslung chassis in the garage. It had a complete engine and drivetrain, no body, and we id'ed it as a Regal. The old guy also had a human skull in his garage. He dug it up in the culvert when they were putting in a drainage tile. Interesting thing was, it had a three-sided hole in the skull, and a three-pointed bayonet sticking out of it. The guy figured it was someone from the French Indian War who met an untimely end. Bill was going to go back for the Regal.

The old guy sends us to a private collection in a metal building. That guy has an electric trolley car, and overhead catenary so he can drive the trolley into and out the building. That's as far as the tracks went. Surrounding the trolley was a collection of unremarkable old cars. The only one I recall was a pre-war Fiat roadster that needed everything.

The next blacksmith lead was a *real* old guy, and his claim was he had the negatives from the old Uniontown PA board racetrack. ALL of them. Was he the photographer? I don't recall, but he was pushing if not past ninety, and blind.

Our last interesting blacksmith lead was another fellow, a conservation officer who had two old cars. The nice one was a shovel-nose Packard sedan, which the Packard guys identify right around '32 or '33. I'm not sure if this is a Full Classic, I think it is now. The car was parked in 1955 in an old, closed-down roadhouse, where the lower level garage access was reachable by driving around to the back of the property, not readily apparent from the front. It was in nice shape. In a tumble-down garage off to the side was a LaFayette. This was a lower price car made by Nash in Kenosha. It appeared to be a '37. An uncommon if not especially desirable car, except this was a convertible coupe!

Vintage Photographs & History: (continued...)

It was in poor condition; in fact, the dashboard was rusted clean in half from where water poured in. Bill looked at it, commented "Easy restoration." And for him, it would have been.

Bill was going to go back, get the Regal, follow up on the Packard and Nash, acquire the racing negatives. And never did. I'm not the kind of person who screws a pal out of a lead, but this would have been the right time. Those negatives are probably gone, and irreplaceable...



Photo 1: Packard

Which brings us to the three photos we're sending Laura this month, acquired a few weeks ago at the swap in West Bend Wisconsin. The seller was Ralph, the title guy. He had a three-ring binder of old photos, I thumbed through, but how much? He said \$5 apiece, so I brought these home. Photo number one is a Packard sedan, as described above, though the pictured car is two-tone. It is sitting on a dealership floor, somewhere. Maybe our Packard friends have seen this shot before and can provide details.

Photo number two is a wrecked automobile, a Paige. It may have been a coupe. Maybe around 1920. The location is not identified, the gentleman in the background with a cap looks like he may be a Canadian provincial police officer. In my 1926 National Used Car 'Red Book' (in fact, this came from the Paige-Jewett Sales Corp of Anderson, IN) a six-year old Paige coupe appraises at \$26.



Photo 2: Paige Wreck

Vintage Photographs & History: (continued...)

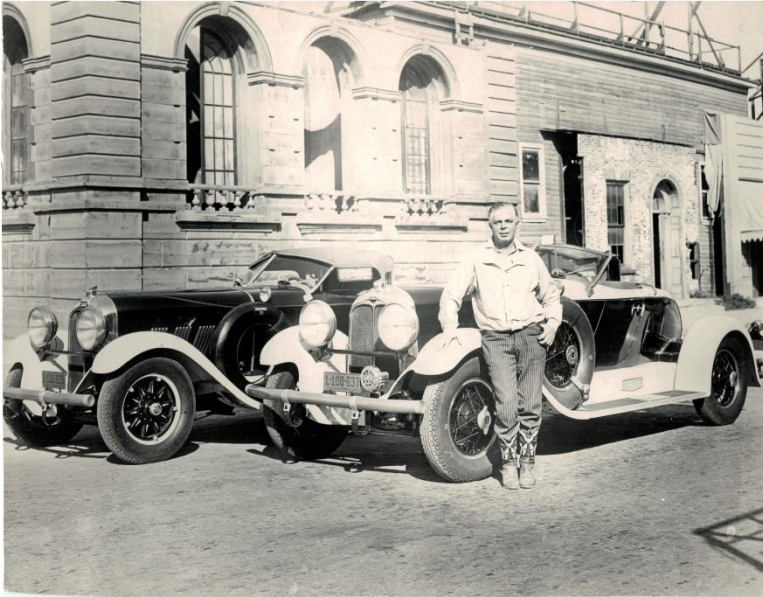


Photo 3: Hoot Gibson

Photo number three from Ralph shows a man wearing cowboy boots. The background is a movie studio set so he's probably someone famous. My Nancy Drew gene kicks in, sure enough it's Hoot Gibson! Wikipedia says he's second in popularity in 1928 only to Hopalong Cassidy. Later on E-Bay I spot a photo negative for sale in the collectible section. It's Hoot again, standing next to a low-slung Ruxton sedan. I bid twenty bucks; it goes for over fifty, beyond my meager allowance.

Ask Roy Nelson to tell you about his girlfriend someday, the one with two noses. Roy says she wasn't much to look at, but she sure smelled good.... Back when we needed patrons to join AACA, Roy was mine, in 1975. He's an on-again, off-again kind of member, probably more one than another, but Roy attended an auction in Valparaiso recently. He said a pretty nice '29 Hudson coupe with wood wheels, older restoration, sold for \$5,500. A couple of other square cars didn't bring much either, he thinks it's a softening of the square market. The car he went to bid on, an open Franklin touring did go for over ten grand. Roy bid it up to just shy of the winning bid. Roy and his brother, DVC chairman Lee own a nice mostly restored Franklin convertible coupe. It's in Lockport at their shop, Franklin Motors. Lee hopes to get the interior done soon, the plan was to haul it down to Oklahoma this year, but Covid-19 has thrown a monkey in that plan...

'Til next month, Keep a Tiger in Your Tank!



44TH ILLINOIS REGION AACA



Auto Parts Swap Meet

On New Date

Sunday, April 5, 2020

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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CANCELLED



For Information
Chris Schurrer
815-344-3775 or hpdog259962@gmail.com

Donation \$5.00 at the door Swap Spaces \$20.00 each
Weather permitting outside spaces available
Car Parts for All Makes & Models

Des Plaines Valley Chapter Tour

Saturday, April 18th

Des Plaines Valley Chapter invites all IL Region members to join them and the Black Hawk Chapter, Studebaker Driver's Club; and the Avanti Owner's Association for a tour of the Bob Lederer Brass Era Car collection on Sat. April 18th; located at 1311 Howard St. Elk Grove, Il. Take Busse Highway (Rt. 83) to the traffic light at Howard St. Turn west, travel two long blocks, and the car collection building will be on the left. Parking is available on the west side of the building. There are a few spaces available.

CANCELLED

10 A.M.

Just Show

No reservation
Up!

Later, a no reservation lunch will be enjoyed in a separate dining room for car people, at Sweet Baby Ray's Ribs, 800 E. Higgins Rd., Elk Grove. Order off the menu. Or, go one additional block for pizza at Lou Malnati's.

See you there,



Lee Nelson, President
Des Plaines Valley Chapter

2020 AACA Illinois Region Calendar of Events

April 5 - Swap Meet - **CANCELLED**

April 18 - Des Plaines Valley Chapter Tour - Bob Lederer Car Collection - **CANCELLED**

April 19 - Fox Valley - Joliet Jake Tour - **POSTPONED**

May 2 or 3 - Waukegan North-Shore Dust Off Tour

May 14 - 17 - Illinois Region Spring Tour - Baraboo, WIS -Hosted by

Waukegan - North Shore - **ON HOLD**

May 24 - Silver Springs - Sandwich Show

May 30 - Des Plaines Valley - Nike Tour

June 6 or 7 - Fox Valley Summer Tour (definite date - April at the earliest)

June 20 - Silver Springs - Rockford Tour

June TBA - Des Plaines Valley - Fly-In

July 11 - Waukegan North-Shore - Wings of Mercy Careaffaire Show and Elmhurst
Great American Road Trip Show

July 19 - Illinois Region Car Show - Cantigny

July 25 - Silver Springs - Fair Oaks Farms Tour

August 2 - Waukegan North-Shore - Illinois Railway Museum Transportation
Extraveganza Tour & Show

August 9 - Waukegan North-Shore - Picnic & Tour

August TBA - Silver Springs - Picnic

August 15 - Waukegan North-Shore - Grayslake Days Parade

August 16 - Waukegan North-Shore - Don Henry Memorial Car Show

August 29 - Waukegan North-Shore - Fox River Valley Tour

September 5 - Fox Valley - R/C Fly - In Show

September 12 - Silver Springs - Iron Gate Condos Show

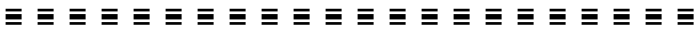
September 27 - Waukegan North-Shore - Lake County Heritage Show

October 3 and . or 4 - Waukegan North-Shore - Pre-War Tour

October 15 - 18 - Illinois Region Fall Tour - Yorkville, IL. Hosted by Silver Springs

October 26 - Fox Valley - Oktober Fall Color Tour

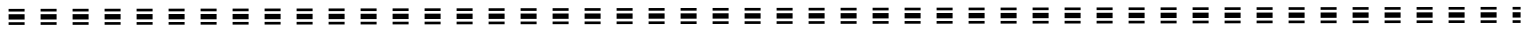
November 1 - Waukegan North-Shore - Brighton Run



FOR SALE!

New in the box: Torin Big Red 3.5 Gallon Model#T-10035 Bench Top Parts Washer. w/110v electric pump. Approved for use with mineral spirits or biodegradable cleaner. \$60.00 or best offer. John at 847-370-6902. Email: palka@att.net.

One, new in the box Menards Performax Air Filtration system, table or ceiling mount 3 speeds w/remote control. perfect for woodworking area, traps 1 micro inner, 5 microns outer filters, w/timer. \$125.00 OBO Contact John Palka cell 847-370-6902 or e mail palka@att.net



1968 Cadillac DeVille Convertible

The time in my life has come, for a change in our lifestyle and priorities that we have. Diane and I have come to the conclusion and sad realization that we should sell the Cadillac.

The Hobby and the people involved, has bestowed on us adventures, memories and very enjoyable times. So, I would like to pass on these thoughts to the new owner, if they are new in the Hobby. Join a car related club, and it will open a whole new world for you, access to information and parts if needed for This Eye catching cruiser.

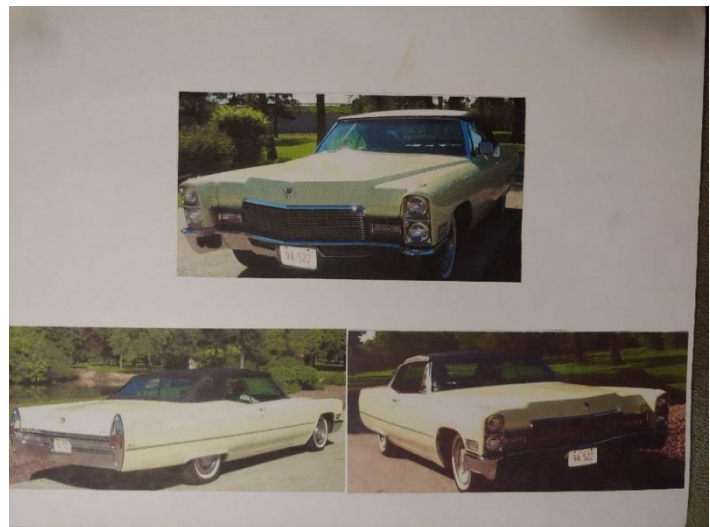
This Cashmere Ivory colored vehicle, with a Black fabric convertible top, with a Glass rear window is ready for the road. It has Black Leather Seats and Interior. No problem with the A/C on during the summer. It was converted to 134a by the previous owner. It sports New white wall tires, around 1,000 miles on them. the Automatic transmission was rebuilt by AAMCO around 3,000 miles ago. The car was Z Barted by a previous owner. The Chrome and Bright work are in very good condition.

I consider this garage kept well maintained nice "20-footer" Fun to drive, touring car worth the top end of the spectrum of The Old Cars Price Guide

#1 value of this example is \$41, 700. But this nice yellow "20" footer touring car is considerably less, and affordable, it can be yours for considerably less

for only \$17,000. I feel this is a fair retail price for this well maintained, fun to drive 80,000 mile automobile. If you are really interested contact me (Alan Benning) at

benningalan@gmail.com



FOR SALE! (continued...)

The following two for sale ads are Warren Lauridsen's Cars.

1989 Cadillac Sedan DeVille 75,700 miles

4 door, Beautiful cameo ivory (yellow), Newer tires, alternator, a/c compressor, dryer (converted to R/34), Runs well, very nice tour car. \$9,000 Call: Ken Lauridsen: 847-226-5202



FOR SALE! (continued...)

1978 Cadillac Seville 47,200 miles

4 door, Bronze repaint (original color), matching vinyl top, Chrome removed, repaired, replated, like new leather interior, new starter, battery, fuel pumps, belts, a/c compressor, dryer, Cadillac C/B radio, like new condition! \$14,950 Call: Ken Lauridsen 847-226-5202

