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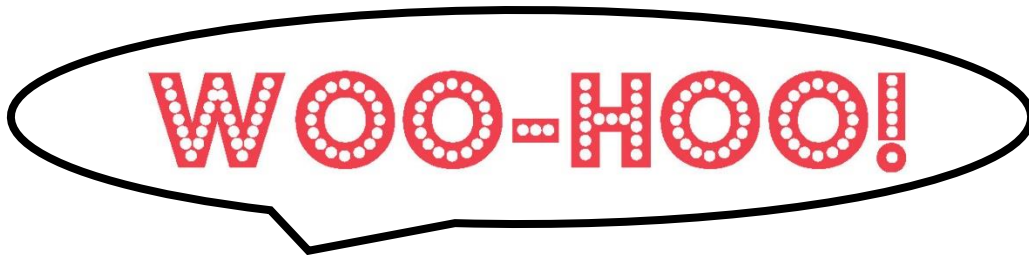


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COMING SOON.....



Silver Springs Annual Car Show and Flea Market - Sunday, May 30th. Sandwich Fair Grounds, Sandwich. See pages 10 & 11.



Upcoming EVENTS

NATIONAL NEWS

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

May 30 - Silver Springs Chapter Annual **CAR SHOW AND FLEA MARKET**. See pages 10 & 11.

July 3 - **Fourth of July Celebration Car Show**, Carpenters Park, Carpentersville, IL.



2021 Nationals & Tours

April 15-17 - Annual Convention - AACA National - Philadelphia, PA - **CANCELLED**

July 1-3 - Central Spring Nationals - AACA National - Auburn, IN

July 22-24 - Annual Grand Nationals - Minnesota Region - New Ulm, MN

October 6-9 - Eastern Fall Nationals - Hershey Region - Hershey, PA

Other Events of Interest

April 9-11th - World of Wheels show at the fairgrounds in West Allis, WI.

April 23-25th - Jefferson Auto swap meet and car show in Jefferson, WI.

June 4-6th - CCA's THE GRAND EXPERIENCE and Michigan Grand Classic at the Gilmore Museum. Featuring GM cars from 1915-1970.

June 5th - Glen Ellyn Auto Fest. Glen Ellyn, IL.

June 13-19th - Packard Automobile Classics 55th National meet. It will take place in Brookfield WI. **CANCELLED**

July 13-17th Nash Nationals, Frankenmuth, MI.

August 22nd - Geneva Concours, Geneva, IL.



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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Members,

Finally, spring is here and we've had a number of teaser days to remind us of the weather to come. It's great to see the flowers blooming and things coming to life.

It's also a reminder that things are happening in the old car world. It's a good news /bad news scenario. Let's get the bad stuff out of the way first.

Several National meets have been cancelled. The Packard club cancelled their meet. It was going to take place in June in Brookfield, Wi. The Cadillac Club cancelled their Grand National. It was scheduled to take place in July in New Mexico.

On a sad note, Norm "Mr. Norm" Kraus of Grand Spaulding Dodge, a muscle car pioneer has passed at the age of 87.

Now, on to the good stuff. Things are looking good for future AACA events, as of today, they are happening and

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Monthly Recipe



Easter Brunch addition.....

Homemade Breakfast Sausage



Ingredients:

- 1 lb. Ground Pork
- 1 tsp. salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. black pepper
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. fennel seed (crushed)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. dried ground sage
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. garlic powder
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. poultry seasoning
- $\frac{1}{8}$ tsp. thyme leaves
- $\frac{1}{8}$ tsp. rosemary (crushed)
- $\frac{1}{8}$ tsp. smoked paprika
- $\frac{1}{8}$ tsp. red pepper flakes (optional)

Instructions

Combine pork and all seasonings in a medium bowl. Mix very well.
Refrigerate at least 2 hours or overnight.
Divide meat into 6 patties, $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick.
Heat a skillet over medium heat.
Add patties (and a pat of butter if you'd like) and cook 4 minutes per side or until lightly browned.

Recipe Notes

For a sweeter sausage, add 1 to 2 teaspoons brown sugar.
For a spicy sausage, add $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon cayenne pepper or extra chili flakes.

To crush spices place them in a small sandwich bag and crush them with a rolling pin or meat mallet.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued...)



have not been cancelled. These include the Auburn, IN Meet, the Grand National in New Ulm, MN and of course Hershey.

Mark your calendar for the 50th Sandwich Show, sponsored by the AACA Silver Springs chapter on Sunday, May 30. I can't wait!!!

Also, I received word that the Geneva Concours is scheduled to take place on Sunday August 22.

The Glen Ellyn Auto Fest will take place on June 5.

Later in April will be the 44th Annual Spring Jefferson, April 23rd - 25th.

On the region level, we are planning on a tour sometime in June, very tentative at this point in time. We are not sure if the places we plan to visit will be open. Stay tuned on this one. An email will go out to advise if and when it happens.

Also, I would like to start a column in the SIDELIGHTS highlighting the cars of our members. We have some really great cars in our region. It would be interesting to hear about your car. If you care to, please do a writeup about your car and submit the information to Laura, our SIDELIGHTS person for inclusion in future issues. Pictures would be great along with your writeup. Show off that beauty.

Lastly, one of our members, Bob Grutza and his 1936 Nash were featured in a WGN_TV BACKSTORY episode. It aired on Saturday night, March 20 at 10:30 PM. It was a very interesting program.

Hopefully, you can check the WGN archives if you missed it.

It's time to get the old cars ready for what will turn out to be a busy season for the AACA Region.

Until next month.

Dan

Region News:

In Memoriam:

Richard H. Driehaus

It is with great sadness to inform you that Richard H. Driehaus died Tuesday evening. Richard Driehaus was involved in stocks, classical architecture, the performing arts and old cars. Richard was the owner of the Chicago Vintage Motor Carriage. He was also the owner of The Driehaus Museum of Antiques.



He was a life member of the Illinois region of AACA.

WELCOME
NEW
MEMBERS!



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Region News:

The American Steam Truck Company - by John Halleran



CHICAGO HAS a rich and well documented automotive heritage, while a few manufacturers have managed to avoid the microscope of history. Having incorporated in November of 1920, the American Steamer truck was just in time to enter the recession market of 1921.

"The American Steamer has been worked out by continual experimentation over a period of twenty years," a press release noted, "...gradually being perfected point by point, until a steam apparatus has been designed that provides plenty of power quickly, easily, simply and economically."



First Unit under assembly

The missive claims that a working pressure of 750 pounds is reached in two minutes from cold, the fire shuts off automatically at operating pressure, and when the pressure drops fifty pounds the fire cuts in again. Also, the engine can be disengaged from the drive shaft to run idle, to run other equipment or clear the cylinders of condensation.

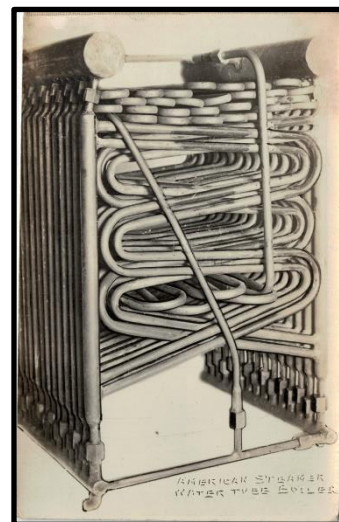
A steam vehicle offered the advantages of smooth and shiftless driving, without the risk of destroying a clutch, a common problem in a time when most drivers were new to the craft.

The burner was claimed to be an atomizing type with a circular fire pot two feet in diameter and twelve inches tall lined with refractory material. Fuel is

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pumped in under high pressure through a single hole nozzle in a conduit four inches in diameter. There is no pilot light. An electric contact is made with an igniting device which is operated when the control valve is turned on. The nozzle is six to eight inches back from the fire pit, keeping it out of the flame, with claim that the nozzle will not be troubled with carbon or soot. Any mixture of fuel may be burned, without adjustment.

The boiler is manufactured in the American Steamer plant. The first example built has been tested fifty times for overheating without fracture to the joints or leakage. Water level is held within a one-inch range. Steam is introduced into a two-cylinder engine. The crankcase holds three quarts of oil, and the literature claims that the engine will run ten thousand miles without additional oil. In fact, it is claimed the truck will operate for one hundred thousand miles, or ten years of service, with fifty-thousand miles between overhauls.



Water Tube Boiler.

The engine operates three pumps. One feeds water to the boiler, a second draws water from the condenser to the supply tank, and the third pumps fuel. Each plunger-style pump operates at one-third engine RPM.



Carrying Six and Half ton load.

The condenser is a series of pipes that loop in a snake-like fashion. The sales directive does not provide a length but says that in extremely cold weather, "there is no water in the radiator". Water stored in the burner remains warm for twenty-four hours. While parked over night the fire automatic may be left on at very low cost and will cycle itself on and off.

Region News: (continued...)



American Steam Truck plant, 5008 Bloomingdale Ave Chicago.

The American Steam Truck Company was headquartered in the loop at 20 East Jackson, with the plant located on the west side of the city at 5008 West Bloomingdale.

The early 1921 press release touted that the Model B-1 Four Ton truck had a speed of thirty miles per hour with an engine turning 500 revolutions per minute, with sixty miles per hour possible. Photos released with the report showed a number of chassis' on the plant floor under construction, and examples of the steam truck under load and in operation. "We are prepared to accept orders for immediate delivery of fifty trucks a month. This can be increased by mid-summer to about one-hundred trucks a month."

It reported that a five-passenger touring car has also been completed with roadster, coupe, and sedan available in sixty days. No price was quoted on the truck, but the five-passenger touring car was to be listed at \$1650, with the fit and fitments of an automobile costing many hundreds of dollars. more.

It's not known how many American Steam Trucks and automobiles were built or if any remain. However, the plant on West Bloomingdale is still in maintained condition. It currently houses a trucking logistics firm.



American Steamer running w 3 and half ton load.



REV UP YOUR ENGINES AND SHINE UP YOUR CARS!

IT'S ON! The Silver Springs Car Show returns! The Silver Springs Chapter is breaking the drought of car shows by presenting the **50th Annual Car Show and Swap Meet** on Sunday, May 30, 2021 at the Sandwich Fairgrounds.

The show will again feature show and antique cars, a parts swap and a flea market with food vendors. This will be one of the first of the large car shows in the Chicagoland area and we are anticipating a large turnout.

Since the fairgrounds have approved this show, we will be following the COVID protocols in place at the time of the show. Masks are highly recommended.

All AACA Illinois Region members are cordially invited. Bring your family and friends and spend the day in the fresh air and beautiful surroundings of this fairground. Start your 2021 car show season with us!

See the attached car show flyer for further information. See you there.

Bob Markert



AUTO SHOW

At the Sandwich Fairgrounds

1401 Suydam Road
Sandwich, Illinois 60548

— SUNDAY —
May 30, 2021

8am - 3pm



SPONSORED BY

Antique • Classic • Special Interest **Cars & Trucks**

Flea Market • Parts Swap

CARS FOR SALE **CORRAL**

First 200 Cars Receive Collector Plate & Dash Plaque

Breakfast & Lunch On Grounds

Breakfast by the Somonauk Haymakers 4-H Club

Show Cars \$15.00 Car Corral \$20.00 Swap Spaces \$25.00

No Pre-Registration

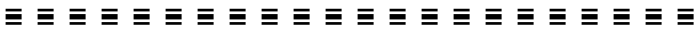
Cars for sale in show area \$30.00

DONATION

Adults \$5.00 Under 12 Free

— No Pets Allowed —

AL MATISON 815-414-1239 or RICK SHAW 815-405-3656



FOR SALE!



One L 78 15 SUPREME 3" wide whitewall Bias Ply Polyester tubeless tire. 11/32 thread. Older tire but perfect for spare (it was used for a spare on my Cadillac before I bought new radials). \$25.00. John Palka 847-370-6902 or 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



FOR SALE! (continued...)

Just Updated: Price Lowered on both cars.

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. \$6,500 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! \$11,900 Call: Ken Lauridsen 847-226-5202

