



SIDE LIGHTS



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COMING SOON..



Saturday, July 3rd - Fourth of July Celebration Car Show, Carpenters Park, Carpentersville, IL. See page 17.

Sunday, August 1st - Waukegan-North Shore - ILLINOIS RAILWAY MUSEUM - 30th ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION EXTRAVAGANZA SHOW, Union, Il. See page 18.



Upcoming EVENTS

July 3 - Fourth of July Celebration Car Show, Carpenters Park, Carpentersville, IL.
See page 17.

August 1 - Waukegan-North Shore ILLINOIS RR MUSEUM TRASPORTATION

EXTRAVAGANZA SHOW, Union, IL. See page 18 for more information.

****Participants should be aware to mark AACA at the bottom of the page to park in our area in Electric Park where shade is available and is located at one of the streetcars stops.**

NATIONAL NEWS

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

2021 Nationals & Tours

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

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

August 13-14 - Western Fall Nationals - Poudre Valley Region - Loveland, CO

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



Other Events of Interest

August 15th - Grand Dominion Car Show, Mundelein, IL - See pages 19 & 20 for more information and registration.

August 22nd - Geneva Concours, Geneva, IL.



ILLINOIS REGION

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All materials should be submitted by the 20th of the month or sooner.

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Through 2020

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Jim Sikora
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Through 2021

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Members,

Things have opened up in a big way. There are cruise nights every evening of the week and car shows to fill up the weekends. It is great to see things returning to a somewhat normal pattern.

To me, it is one of the joys of summer to walk around a cruise night, looking at the cars, seeing friends and enjoying the whole atmosphere. It doesn't get much better (at least for me).

The season is still young and there are so many shows and events that are coming up.

I will mention several of them that may be of interest to our members. On July 3, there will be a show at Carpenter Park (flyer in the newsletter). *This show is for cars 25 years or older.* I mention this show because if you are an AACA member, **the show is free,**

Monthly Recipe



Picnic and Barbecue Season is on. Here's easy and delicious side.



Peas Salad

Ingredients

- 8 slices cooked bacon, crumbled
- 4 cups frozen peas
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup shredded cheddar cheese
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup diced red onion

Dressing

- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup mayonnaise
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sour cream
- 1 tbsp. sugar
- 2 tsp. vinegar
- Salt & Pepper to taste

Instructions

1. Combine all dressing ingredients in a large bowl. Whisk till combined.
2. Add peas, onion, bacon and cheese to bowl. Gently stir. Add salt and pepper to taste.
3. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours before serving.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued...)



Please bring your membership card, just in case, to verify. All proceeds will go to the local West Dundee VFW of which I am a member. You will get in free so make sure you stop by the food tent and buy a brat and a beer. The VFW is running the food tent. It promises to be a great show. Two of our ACA members, Humberto & Bibi Garcia are really working hard on this show. Let's try and attend.

Another car show that may be of interest is the Grand Dominion Car Show (flyer in the newsletter). The show has been absent for several years and is returning. Grand Dominion is the home of one of our longtime members, Dick & Joan Murray. So, let's show support for their car show.

There are plenty of great shows coming up this summer. So, let's get out there, have fun, show off our cars, and enjoy the old car season.

Until next month,

Dan



Illinois Region Board Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2021

Host: Silver Springs Chapter
Yorkville Public Library

President Dan Sobczyk called meeting to order at 10:40 am

Roll Call: Present: Dan Sobczyk, Chris Schurrer, Darlene Sobczyk, Lee Nelson, Andy Voss, John Medgyesi, Dale Woosley, Chris Schurrer proxy for Harold Flood, Jerry Bodden, Jim Sikora, Joanna Vroman, Jo Ann Flynn, and Bill Vroman. Excused: Bob Wenderski, John Otto. Guest: Ed Flynn, Nancy Nelson, Bob Markert.

Secretary's Report: Darlene asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the last meeting. Dan Sobczyk motioned to accept the minutes as written. Jim Sikora seconded. Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report: Andy Voss reported for Bob Wenderski a current balance of \$22,094.75. A motion was made by Chris Schurrer to accept the treasurer's report. Joanna Vroman seconded. Motion passed.

Standing Committee Reports:

Membership - Andy reported currently 146 memberships and 261 members, increased over last year due to the Fox Valley accrued new members due to the free member offered by National, Region and Chapters. As of June 1, rather than free memberships the offer is $\frac{1}{2}$ priced. It was suggested the president of each chapter try to pitch these offers.

Publication - Nothing to report - all fine. Laura is doing a great job.

Website - Dan Sobczyk reported everything is fine and that all the Sidelights are now on the website. He requested the chapters to forward their flyers for tours to him, so he can post them.

Legislation - Lee Nelson reported the State has proposed to extend the use of the Antique Plates from 6 months to 8 months but not approved yet. He also reported a boost in fees to renew your trailer tag. The cost is now \$158.00. State of Illinois is proposing to eliminate front plates, currently 23 states do not require.

Archivist - Chris Schurrer reported he received several donations from various members. He did get some plates from past Sandwich shows prior to 2000 and also received trophies from the 70's. He has started to categorize them. Some items not relating to our club have been donated to others. He has received requests for information on past tours.

Illinois Region Board Meeting Minutes (continued...)

Ballot Committee: The term of the Board Members at the end of 2021 is: Jerry Bodden; Jim Sikora; Joanna Vroman. They were asked if they would be running again, they decided to think about it and will consider. It is important to start working on this now. Chapter presidents need to request of from their members who would like to run. This is a 3 year term. One member of last year's committee must be on the committee this year: Jim Sikora volunteered. Dan appointed the presidents of each chapter be on the committee. It was pointed out that the duties of the committee are in the by-laws and should be reviewed.

Region Activities:

Fall Tour (2021) - Hosted by Waukegan/North Shore Chapter: Chris reported the tour will be in Baraboo, WI. Tour was originally planned for 2020 but do the pandemic did not occur. He has already contacted the 3 locations we will be touring and the host hotel. Should happen the third week-end in October. We are planning to have the tour, but time will tell and if not it will be the spring tour in 2022. This is a tour that was originally run in the early 90's. It appears that some club members are hesitant to have overnights, Chris feels confidential that there will be a fall tour. There will be something in the July issue of Sidelights.

Swap Meet for 2022: Bob Markert pointed out that Don McCue still appeared to be interested in still having meet in 2021. After a discussion, whether or not we can get vendors, etc it was decided it was too late to arrange, best to be held next year.

Region Car Show (2022): Bob Markert/Jim Sikora: Cantigny still has us slated for July this year, but there is a lot or work that needs to be done. We cannot do this year but will do in 2022. It was suggested we need more sponsors for this event

Spring Tour 2022: Fox Valley Hosting - Dan Sobczyk nothing to report except we might be doing a tour to Springfield. He has been contacted by them.

Chapter Reports:

Des Plaines Valley: Lee Nelson mentioned they have been in hibernation, nothing since the 2019 fall tour to Indianapolis. Regarding the airport show

Illinois Region Board Meeting Minutes (continued...)

at Lewis, they are approaching a new direction. The event as we know it will probably no happen again.

Fox Valley: Dan Sobczyk reported: Chapter planning a tour on June 27th. On July 3rd they are hosting along with the City of Carpentersville and the VFW post #2298 in West Dundee a car show in Carpentersville at Carpenter Park. All vehicles must be 25 years or old. All proceeds to be donated to the VFW post. He also mentioned, regarding the Fox Valley Aero Club that Fox Valley participated in last year has been postponed to next year.

Silver Springs: John Medgyesi report: they had the Sandwich show on Memorial Day which was successful. Parking - used all the parking available - cars were backed up to get into the show - it was a nice day. The Chapter also had a tour to Utica earlier in the year. They are still working on some coming tours.

Waukegan/North Shore: Chris Schurrer reported that they had a few events for 2020 including the Brighton Run which was successful. Dust off tour in 2021. They plan on having a tour to Union in August. They are working on the Brighton Run for 2021. They have not been able to meet in their usual meeting place due to covid. They are also working the fall tour.

Old Business: 1) AACA Building Fund - Jerry Bodden will check on thank you note; 2) Tent for Illinois Region shows - Bob Markert or Chris Schurrer will check on a tent costing about \$100 for new year; 3) Name Tags - handed them out to the President of the chapter the members belonged to; 4) Proposed Calendar of Events: Not needed for 2021 but will need for 2022 since the events are printed in Sidelight; 5) AACA Nat'l Meet - Galena: tabled after a discuss - all agreed.

New Business: Regarding our current Brochures, need to be updated and redesigned. Chris will scan some things to Andy. Jim Sikora suggested that the club print business cards that can be left on windshields inviting car owners to join our club. Other clubs currently have and they like that approach. Jim also passed around samples. Tabled to next meeting.

Visitor's Input: none

Chris Schurrer motioned to adjourn. Dale Woolsey seconded.

Next Meeting: September 11 held by Waukegan/North Shore.

Meeting adjourned at 12:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Darlene Sobczyk, Secretary

Region News:

In Memoriam

Art Swanson



It is with deep sorrow to report the passing of long- time member Art Swanson.

Art passed away, June 5th, 2021. Art was a longtime member of the Illinois Region AACA. He was very active in the Illinois Region serving as President of the Region in 1998 and 1999. Art and his lovely wife Marge received the Richard C. Litchfeld Memorial award for Sportsmanship in 1999.

Art was known for his friendly smile and wonderful personality. If you asked Art about one of his Cadillac's, you knew you would be entertained and amused during your conversation.

Art was a member of numerous Automobile Clubs including the Cadillac Club and Classic Car Club of America.

Welcome
New
Member!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Ralph Bennett
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Region News & Stories:

Sandwich Car Show and Swap meet a Huge Success!

By Andy Voss



The 49th Annual Sandwich Car Show and Swap Meet orchestrated by the Silver Springs Chapter of the AACA Illinois Region on May 30, 2021, was characterized by club president John Medgyesi as being "phenomenally successful". A beautiful day brought out record crowds to the picturesque Sandwich Fairgrounds to view over 600 classic show cars and trucks and to peruse vendor offerings. Veteran club members counted the show as one of the best in the long history of the Silver Springs Chapter. "It's never been better" said one volunteer.

Owners of the show cars started coming early and were lined up at the gate to find a spot to showcase their stunning vehicles. Club personnel worked feverishly to accommodate the rush of visitors and exhibitors getting them through the front gate as quickly as possible, avoiding long backups and then to park the show cars. Food vendors labored all day to feed the hungry multitude. It was a good problem to have, considering that the 2020 show had to be cancelled and attendance at some previous shows was low, caused by bad weather.

There was a good mix of older and newer classic vehicles that spilled over from the main show field to adjacent viewing areas. Fortunately, the Fairgrounds is a venue capable of handling large numbers of cars and people. Among the organized groups attending the show were the Lincoln Club, the Chrysler Club, and the Sandwich Early Day Engine Club.

The Silver Springs Chapter is already at work on next year's show which will mark the 50th Anniversary of the annual event. They are planning a special extravaganza with some invited celebrity guests. You won't want to miss it.

Region News: (Silver Springs Car Show continued...)

Club member Ray Hubbard snapped photos of many of the show cars and trucks. A selected handful of these are attached to this article. Enjoy!



Region News: (Silver Springs Car Show continued...)



Region News: (Silver Springs Car Show continued...)



Region News: (Silver Springs Car Show continued...)



Region News & Stories

Bob's Biarritz

By Bob Grutza



When I was quite young my grandparents owned a 57-Fleetwood. The styling of that car left an impression on me, to this day I still love. In the late 60's my dad got me a job working for an antique car collector, Pre WW1. I was his wash boy! Polished brass, did light maintenance and prepped his cars for the next tour or show. *I was bit by the old car bug!*

Back then our family spent almost all of our Christmas and Spring Breaks on Siesta Key near Sarasota Florida, this was in the 60's. At that time I was 16, I had my dad's wheels. Spent a lot of time cruising the car lots looking at anything and everything. One afternoon I ran across a 57 Eldorado Seville on a used car lot. I had seen 57's before but never a 62 series Eldorado! WOW - I HAD TO HAVE THAT CAR!

I went back home and get my dad to show him the car, or at least tried too. He played it cool, I could not get him to see this car that day and it seemed like an eternity till I finally got him to go look with me the next day. I probably didn't sleep one wink that night trying to figure out how I was going to get him over to that used car lot.

Dad and I got to the lot, the man wanted a figure, my dad made an offer, I couldn't believe it, the next thing I know we had a car! Dad told the man we were driving the car to Home to Chicago the next day, have it ready to go by 8AM!!!! I can't tell you how excited I was!

That next morning, we got to the dealer early to get on the road.... Just my luck, IT WOULD NOT START! Dead, Nothing, Nada. My dad said forget it the deals off! And we left. I went from super Hi to lower than whale sh_t

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as my dad would say all in 24 hours. Well at least I knew what my dream car was even though I couldn't have it.

A few years went by and the next thing I see is my dream car on the cover of Special Interest Autos. January 1975 issue. The torch was lit again! Not too long after that I found my car in the Chicago Tribune for \$1500.00. I cruised it that summer around town. Not being afraid to tie into anything auto related I bought it on time financed by mom! Dad never got his space back in the garage until I moved out and got married!

I started the "project" by pulling it all apart to do an amateur restoration. Overwhelmed and underfunded the project sat. This was for the best as in the mid to late 70's very little was available in the way of parts for this limited production car. Interests changed from cars to girls. Renee and I were married, had kids, as the years passed, move the beast ☺ (the car, not my wife) in pieces from one house to another. In the early 90's I got motivated again when key parts to the car became available as reproductions. This time with the financial resources to do a frame off restoration. My 10-year-old son helped when he could where he could it was a great father son event in between Scouting.

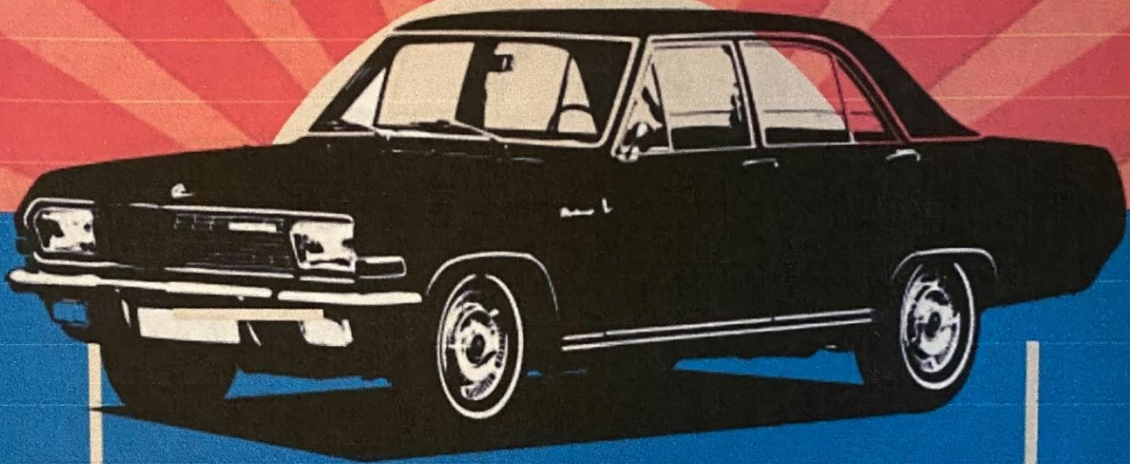
The summer of 2001 was my first year of real enjoyment. Since that time there have been many frustrations as we worked through the inevitable bugs that come with any "restoration". But highlights of displaying at local and national shows like Meadow Brook have made it all worthwhile.

Renee and I have made many friends over the year in the old car club world. From my experience I would say join a marquis car club to find the car of your dreams. We found and support the Antique Automobile Club of America. We are preservationists club with interest in all makes and models. See us at www.aaca.org/illinois.

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30th ANNUAL VINTAGE TRANSPORT EXTRAVAGANZA

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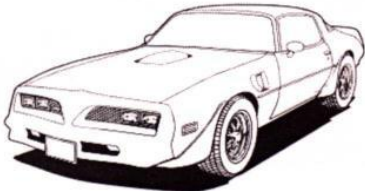
SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021
8:00 AM UNTIL 5:00 PM

\$15.00 OPEN TO VEHICLES 2001 AND OLDER **\$15.00**

Send \$15.00 per vehicle, check or money order, payable to "ILLINOIS RAILWAY MUSEUM." Vehicle driver and all passengers in vehicle at time of entry only will get free train tickets (a \$15.00 value each) valid for the day of the show only. Vehicle registration the day of the show will be \$20.00. Pre-register and save \$5.00 and time at the gate. Pre-registrations MUST be received by July 24 to be valid.

THE VINTAGE VEHICLE GATE CLOSSES AT NOON, NO FREE TICKETS AFTER GATE CLOSSES.

COVID-19 Statement: For the safety of all visitors, IRM follows current CDC and Illinois State guidelines. Face masks are required on IRM property and visitors are expected to observe social distancing. For complete and current details of IRM policies, please refer to the website irm.org/plan your visit. Those who are not able to comply with these policies may be denied access to the event.

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For complete driving directions to the museum or additional information, go to www.irm.org

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ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

AREA CODE(____) PHONE #: _____ E-MAIL (OPTIONAL): _____

VEHICLE YEAR 2001 OR OLDER: _____ MAKE: _____ MODEL: _____

Vehicles will be grouped according to make, type or recognized club affiliation as below:

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THANK YOU for supporting us!

Grand Dominion Car Show

We're back after a 2-year break with Antiques, Classics,
Muscle, Post-1980s and Concourse Cars

Cruisin'
with the...



CLASSICS

Sunday, August 15th, 2021

3555 Grand Dominion Circle • Mundelein, IL 60060
Sun, August 15, 2021 • 11 am - 3 pm • Rain date August 22
Arrival & Registration: 9 am - 11:30 am
Dash Plaques Guaranteed to first 100 Pre-registered



This is an annual charity event to support the Fremont Township Food Pantry. Please consider donating non-perishable food and household supplies at the event. Checks made out to "Fremont Township Food Pantry" are appreciated.

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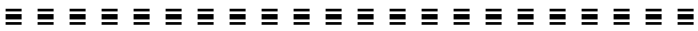
Discrete For Sale sign permitted only on the front seat.

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Grand Dominion
by Del Webb

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FOR SALE! (continued...)

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