



# SIDE LIGHTS



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## COMING SOON..



**Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> - Happy Birthday America Car Show,**  
Carpenters Park, Carpentersville, IL. See page 10.

**Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> - Illinois Regions 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Car Show,**  
Cantigny Park, Winfield, IL. See pages 5, 11 & 12.



# Upcoming EVENTS

**July 2 - FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION CAR SHOW**, Carpenters Park, Carpentersville, IL. Please see page 10.

**July 17 - Region CAR SHOW** at Cantigny Park in Wheaton. See pages 5, 11-12.

**August 7 - Waukegan-North Shore ILLINOIS RR MUSEUM TRANSPORTATION EXTRAVAGANZA SHOW**, Union, IL. See pg. 13

**August 14 - Waukegan-North Shore GRAND DOMINION CAR SHOW**, Mundelein, IL. See page 14.

**August 28 - Waukegan-North Shore SUMMER PICNIC**. Hastings Lake Pavilion. See page 15 for more information.

**OCT TBD - Waukegan-North Shore PRE-WAR TOUR**. More information to follow.

**November 6 - Waukegan-North Shore RUN TO Brighton**. More information to follow.

**December 4 - Waukegan-North Shore CHRISTMAS PARTY**.

## NATIONAL NEWS

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

### 2022 Nationals & Tours

**August**

**11-13 - Central Fall Nationals - East Moline, IL. Mississippi Valley Region**



## Other Events of Interest

**August 28 - Geneva Conocurs d' Elegance**. Geneva, IL. - 10:00am - 4:00pm.





## ILLINOIS REGION

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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



Due to the passing of Dan's wife Darlene, there will be no President's Message for this month.

Please keep Dan and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

You can refer to the Coming Soon section on the front page and the Upcoming Events page for all the current and upcoming events.

Thanks everyone,

Until next month,

Laura Cielenski - Editor



## Monthly Recipe



### Appetizer Meatballs Submitted by Chris Schurrer

Need an appetizer to take to a summer barbecue? Here is a great meatball recipe.

1 1/4 cup Packed Brown Sugar  
1 Can Sauerkraut with Liquid (if fresh make 1 lb. or a little less)  
1 Jar Chili Sauce (12 oz.)  
1 Jar Water (12 oz.)  
1 Can Whole Jellied Cranberries  
3 - 4 lbs. of plain prepared meatballs (grocery frozen or fresh will work) (Turkey meatballs will also work as well)

Combine all ingredients and pour over the meatballs. Cook in crockpot on low for 5 - 6 hours. For thicker sauce take crockpot lid off for some of the time but keep an eye on it.



## Region News:



## Looking for help

In a brief time, the Illinois Region Car Show at Cantigny Park will be upon us. It is time to time to get your cars ready for the 'World' to see. This is the perfect time for other car owners to see what the Illinois Region has to offer to new members. This is also the time to interact with the public, show-off our cars to them, answer their questions and make them feel like family, the vintage car family.

There is only one problem, car shows do not run themselves. We need YOUR HELP! There have been members handing out information at local car shows and cruise nights. They are getting the word out about the Region Show. They have been talking to car owners about the variety of cars that come to our show, and what the Illinois Region is all about. There are new members out there, and we as members need to show them the advantages of belonging to the AACA, Illinois Region.

There are only a few weeks left before our car show, and it is important to get as many members to help as we can. You can see if a member wants to come with you, call a friend, every little bit helps. And again, even a few hours will help. We can find a job for everybody. please come and help us put the best car show we can.

If you have any questions, please call Bob Markert (Show Manager) 630-852-9893 or Bob Wenderski (Registrar) 847-234-2394 or Jim Sikora 708-246-4707.

Thanks,  
Jim Sikora



## Help Wanted!

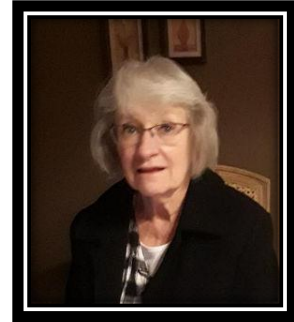
Judges needed for the  
Geneva Concours d'Elegance  
on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022

If interested, please contact Dennis  
Sobieski @ 630-969-4202  
for additional information.

## Region News:

### In Memoriam

#### **Darlene Sobczyk**



It is with deepest sympathy that we announce the passing of Darlene Sobczyk on the morning of Monday, June 27, 2022 after a 15-month battle with cancer.

Darlene was the Region Secretary for the Illinois Region of AACA and wife of Illinois Region President Dan Sobczyk. Darlene and Dan are long-time members of AACA belonging to the Fox Valley, Waukegan/North Shore and Des Plaines Valley Chapters. She will be dearly missed.

Our condolences go out to Dan and their family.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**



Owen & Faith Olson  
[bmixerboy9422@gmail.com](mailto:bmixerboy9422@gmail.com)



# Region Events:

## The 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Sandwich Car Show and Swap Meet was Memorable!

By Andy Voss

The Silver Springs Chapter of the AACA hosted another great Car Show and Swap Meet at the prestigious Sandwich Fairgrounds on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. The weather cooperated splendidly which is always a big factor in the success of the show. By most estimates there were in excess of 400 show cars and trucks on display. There was a good balance of brass era cars, pre-war vehicles, classic 40s, 50s, 60s, etc. autos, as well as modified and muscle cars. Something for everyone to enjoy.

We had a well-stocked car corral, a host of vendors selling everything from hard-to-find car parts to anything you can imagine, and an enthusiastic crowd of spectators. It was encouraging to receive many good comments from visitors.

The chapter membership wanted to do something special this year to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual event. So we invited Arnie "the Farmer" Beswick to appear with his mighty Pontiac of drag racing fame. It was a thrill for admirers to meet and chat with Mr. Beswick and to have a photo taken with him. This year's show was facilitated by 3-D Sound who provided commentary, announced door prize winners, and provided a variety of music. This added a professional touch.

There were plenty of food vendors who offered a plethora of delectable snacks such as funnel cakes, kettle corn, Chile cheese dogs Chicago dogs, burgers of all kinds, egg rolls, strawberry BBQ, pork tenderloin, etc. etc. etc. The Somonauk Haymakers 4H Club served a nice pancake and sausage breakfast.

We would like to thank all those who volunteered to help park show cars and perform other tasks. Special thanks go to volunteers from other clubs in the Illinois Region. We appreciate your help. The show is a lot of work to organize and execute for a relatively small chapter. It is one of our main events each year. We look forward to doing it again after a little rest!

A few photos from the show are attached, courtesy of Ray Hubbard.





# Region Events: (Sandwich Car Show/Swap Meet cont...)



# Happy Birthday America Antique Car Show

Carpenter Park

Carpentersville, IL

Registration  
9:00 am - 11:00 am

Saturday  
July 2nd, 2022

All proceeds will benefit  
VFW Post 2298

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place  
trophies

Dash plaques for first 100  
cars

Awards at  
3:00 pm



\$20.00 Registration, DJ and 50/50

**The Illinois Region  
of the Antique Automobile Club of America**



# **72nd Annual Car Show**

**July 17, 2022 \* Cantigny Park**

**15151 Winfield Road, Wheaton, IL**

**JUDGED CARS: Must be 25 years or older (1997)**

**DISPLAY ONLY: cars through 2020 and slightly modified  
are welcome**

Featuring:

**100 years of LINCOLN!**

Field opens at 8:00 a.m.

IN THE DISPLAY ONLY area, the show allows  
stock and mildly modified vehicles through 2020.

Pre-Registration is recommended.

For detailed information or to Register visit :  
[www.IllinoisRegion.aaca.com/calendar](http://www.IllinoisRegion.aaca.com/calendar)

Questions? Contact :

Bob Markert (Show Manager)

630-852-9893 or

Bob Wenderski (Registrar) 847-234-2394



**There is a \$10 admission fee to get into the park and its exhibits. Remember that Cantigny members and Honor Card holders get free admission to the grounds. Bring the family and enjoy the day visiting, not only the car show, but also the beautiful Cantigny Gardens, the historic McCormick Mansion and the famed 1st Infantry Museum. Later in the day gather in the bandshell for a fun concert with One of Those Night playing music of the Eagles.**

# 72nd ANNUAL ILLINOIS REGION AUTO SHOW MEMBERS

Class #	Description			
1	Production Vehicles	1890's thru 1939	7	Production Vehicles
2	Production Vehicles	1940-1949	8	Sports Cars including Corvettes and Thunderbirds
3	Production Vehicles	1950-1959	9	Imports
4	Production Vehicles	1960-1964	10	Trucks/ Military Vehicles
5	Production Vehicles	1965-1969	11	Display Only (non-judged)
6	Production Vehicles	1970-1979		

Slightly modified, customized, concept and newer cars, are FOR DISPLAY ONLY.  
Judging starts at 10:30 am. Cars must be registered and parked prior to that time.

## Advance Registration Form

Please Fill Out Completely. Advance Registration Deadline: **July 12, 2022**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Auto Make \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Class # \_\_\_\_\_

Body Style \_\_\_\_\_ Colors \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Carrier \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fees:** All judged vehicles must be 25 years old (1997) and older. Cantigny's \$10 entrance fee is paid at the front gate and is **NOT** included in this registration fee.

Check one only:

**Pre-Registered**

	Judged	Display Only
MEMBERS	\$10.00 _____	\$9.00 _____
WORKERS	\$5.00 _____	\$4.00 _____

**Day of Show**

Judged	Display Only
\$20.00 _____	\$18.00 _____

**All workers must be pre-registered.  
NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Make check payable to: Illinois Region  
Please sign and mail to: Bob Wenderski, 265 N. Waukegan Rd., Lake Forest, IL 60045

**NOTE: A current auto insurance card and a working fire extinguisher are MANDATORY in all vehicles.**

I, the undersigned, release the Illinois Region AACA, the National AACA and their officers and members from liability, damage and injury, personal or otherwise that might be incurred in connection with this show. I have purchased liability and property damage insurance for all vehicles I bring to this show. This is a commitment on my part to participate in the Annual Auto Show of the Illinois Region AACA. The Judges' decisions are final and not subject to review. I have read and agree to this disclaimer. This form MUST be signed and dated. No alcoholic beverages allowed \* All fees are nonrefundable. \* **No FOR SALE signs**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# 31st ANNUAL VINTAGE TRANSPORT EXTRAVAGANZA


Located at 7000 Olson Road, Union, Illinois, 5 miles off I-90 via Route 20, Marengo exit, follow the Railway Museum signs.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2022  
8:00 AM UNTIL 5:00 PM


**\$15.00 OPEN TO VEHICLES 2002 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 30 to be valid.

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



All federal, state and local Covid-19 health code requirements in effect the day of the event will be required. Please visit <https://www.irm.org/covid-19/> for the most up to date information.





**\*\*\*DISPLAY ONLY\*\*\* Dash Plaques**  
Awarded to first 500 arrivals.  
For more information contact Larry Claypool,  
(815) 603-8556 or [vairshop@gmail.com](mailto:vairshop@gmail.com)  
or Dawn Castro, (630) 834-7212 or  
[DawnCastro@comcast.net](mailto:DawnCastro@comcast.net)



ATTENTION: We request vehicles arrive before noon and remain until 4:00 PM. By submitting this application, applicant agrees to release Illinois Railway Museum and protect, indemnify and defend it from any and all claims for any losses, damages, or injuries whatsoever arising in whole or in part from operation, transportation, or display of applicant's vehicle. Said applicant and guest(s) also agree not to consume alcoholic beverages at the show.

For complete driving directions to the museum or additional information, go to [www.irm.org](http://www.irm.org)

**>>> EACH VEHICLE REQUIRES A SEPARATE REGISTRATION FORM!!! <<<**



Cut and send with payment made payable to: "IRM", to Dawn Castro, P.O.Box 373, Elmhurst, Illinois 60126  
Pre-registrations MUST be received by July 30 to be valid.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

AREA CODE(\_\_\_\_) PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL (OPTIONAL): \_\_\_\_\_

VEHICLE YEAR 2002 OR OLDER: \_\_\_\_\_ MAKE: \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_

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

AACA  VCCA \_\_\_\_\_ CAATS \_\_\_\_\_ BCA \_\_\_\_\_ FORD T/A \_\_\_\_\_ Stude/Packard \_\_\_\_\_ (circle if applicable)

THANK YOU for supporting us!

# Grand Dominion Car Show

Antiques, Classics, Muscle, Post-1980s and Concourse Cars

## Cruisin'

with the...

- Food & Drink
- Music & DJ
- 200 Entrants

- Trophies
- 50/50 Raffles
- Gift Basket



# CLASSICS

**Sunday, August 14th, 2022 • 10am - 3pm**

Grand Dominion  
*by Dad Webb*

3555 Grand Dominion Circle  
Mundelein, Illinois

Arrival & Registration: 8:30 am - 11:00 am  
Dash Plaques to first 100 Pre-registered

***FREE Pre-Registration before July 31st***

Request info by emailing us at:  
[granddominioncarshowquestions@gmail.com](mailto:granddominioncarshowquestions@gmail.com)



**This is an annual charity event to support the Fremont Township Food Pantry.** Please donate non-perishable food & household supplies at the event.

**[Click here to pre-register Deadline 7-31-22](#)**

## 2022 Waukegan/North Shore AACA Summer Picnic and Tour Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup>



You are cordially invited to participate in the 2022 AACA Waukegan / North Shore Summer Picnic and Tour.

Our tour will start at the McDonalds at Rt 120 and Rt 45 in Grayslake/Wildwood. It will cover 52 leisurely miles of back roads in Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin ending at the Lake County Hastings Lake Forest Preserve Shelter A. Drivers Meeting at 10:30 AM.

A feature of this years tour is a drive by of the home of founding members and long time hosts of the Summer Picnic John and Shirley Davidson.

The Picnic includes Burgers, Brats, Dogs, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Chips and Beverages. You are welcome to bring a dish to pass. Last names beginning in A-M bring side dishes.

Last names beginning in N-Z bring deserts.

The Forest Preserve allows alcohol in the pavilion so BYO if you're interested.

Please RSVP to Bill & Joanna Vroman 847-587-9468 with your head count by Aug 20.



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# FOR SALE!



1940 Ford Cnvt. DeLuxe Street Rod  
Dark Green, fuel injection Chevy  
engine, original steel body, auto  
trans, interior has been redone and  
new seat frame and springs. 1940  
original engine. Paul had this car done.  
\$40,000 obo  
Call Jean Marcotte  
815-472-3403



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1950 Ford Custom Convertible Flathead V-8 overdrive fully  
restored. National 1st place winner; AACA 1st and senior awards.  
\$51,000; call Carl Nemec @ 1 (630) 323-9487



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**FREE, FREE, FREE to a good home.**

Matchbook Collection. Hundreds of Matchbooks spanning several  
decades. Packed and ready to go. Contact Dan Sobczyk  
at [dansobczyk@yahoo.com](mailto:dansobczyk@yahoo.com).



# FOR SALE! (cont....)

Looking for a good home for an old ten-speed bike which had belonged to longtime member Don Henley. \$100 or best offer. Contact James Rubenstein @ [jrubensteinalert@aol.com](mailto:jrubensteinalert@aol.com)



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Two (2) 1928-1929 Fenders. Asking \$150 for the pair. Pickup in Yorkville, IL. Please contact: Tom Baumgartner 630-209-0287 / [twjbrunner@aol.com](mailto:twjbrunner@aol.com)



**HAPPY  
FOURTH  
OF JULY**

