



SIDE LIGHTS



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COMING SOON..



Illinois Region Fall Tour to Magnificent Morris, this year the REGION FALL TOUR is hosted by the Silver Springs chapter and is headed to Morris, IL. The tour is **October 20-23**. See pages 19 & 20 for more information.

And...Coming November 6th - Run to Brighton. Hosted by Waukegan North Shore. (See page 21 for more information.)

November Board Meeting

The November Board Meeting will be Saturday, November 12th. Members are encouraged to attend. More information to come in the November issue of Sidelights.

Upcoming EVENTS

October 20-23 - Illinois Region Fall Tour - Magnificent Morris. See pages 19 & 20.

November 6 - Waukegan-North Shore RUN TO Brighton. See page 21.

November 12 - REGION BOARD MEETING hosted by Des Plaines Valley. More information to come.

December 4 - Waukegan-North Shore CHRISTMAS PARTY at Parkway on the Lake, Ingleside.



NATIONAL NEWS

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

2022 Nationals & Tours



Region Member Question:

Can anyone help identify this car in the picture. It's my parents wedding photo. Please email Russ Rodriguez if you know. His email: russarod@gmail.com



Anne & Frank Petruzalek July 04, 1936



ILLINOIS REGION

The Illinois Region serves northeastern Illinois. Meetings are held on the second Saturday of odd numbered months at various locations.

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

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Through 2022

John Otto
Dan Sobczyk
Dale Woosley

Through 2023

Bill Vroman
Jo Ann Flynn
Chris Schurrer

Through 2024

Ed Flynn
John O'Halloran
Nancy Nelson

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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 Members,

The old car season is dwindling down to a few precious weeks. There are still numerous opportunities to enjoy the cool autumn weather and have some fun.

Coming up is the Fall Tour, Silver Springs members have been hard at work planning the tour to make sure you have an enjoyable weekend with plenty of activity. If you have not made your reservations, please do so ASAP. The tour is scheduled to take place from 10-20 thru 10-23.

Also coming up is the annual Brighton Run which will take place on Sunday 11-6. This is always a very special tour. Details will be out soon.

Soon, we will be having the election for the Board of Directors for the Region. If you want to get involved with the club and its functioning, now is the time. Contact your chapter president and let it be known that you have an interest in running.

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Monthly Recipe



Apple Cinnamon Cake

Delicious cake to make during apple picking season.



Ingredients:

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 large apple, peeled and chopped
1 cup vegetable oil
1 cup dark brown sugar
1/2 cup granulated white sugar
1/2 cup walnuts, chopped
2 large eggs
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°F and lightly grease a 9-inch round cake pan.

In a medium bowl, mix together the eggs and oil. Add the cinnamon, white and brown sugars, and vanilla extract and mix until combined.

Add the flour, salt, baking soda, and baking powder, and mix until thoroughly incorporated. Fold in the apples and the nuts and pour batter into prepared pan. Bake until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, about 45 minutes. Let cool for 15 minutes before slicing and serving.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont...)



On a personal note, I had very disappointing news. The restaurant where we held our annual Fox Valley Christmas party is closing.

Bohemian Crystal was our "go to" restaurant for many, many years. The food was wonderful, and the service was first class. It is sad that so many of the Mom & Pop restaurants are going by the wayside. In my opinion, we are left with the same bland food offered by the world of franchises throughout the country. Off the soap box.

Hopefully you will read this letter in time. It is short notice but there is a great car show taking place on Sunday 10-2 in Lake Forest, IL. The location is at the train station. It is an invitational show and well worth seeing.

Until next month,

Dan



Illinois Region Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, September 10, 2022

Location: Public Works Building
1073 Taramac Dr.
Carpentersville, IL. 6110

Welcome: President Dan Sobczyk called the meeting to order at 10:52 am.

Dan welcomed the members of the board and thanked Umberto Garcia for providing the building and the refreshments for the meeting.

Roll Call: Secretary took the roll call. Attending Board Members: Dan Sobczyk, Pat Markert, Bob Wenderski, Dale Woolsley, Bill Vroman, John O'Halloran, Lee Nelson, Nancy Nelson.

Chris Schurrer proxy—Bob Markert

Andy Voss proxy—Bob Markert

John Medgyesi proxy—Bob Markert

JoAnn Flynn proxy—Joanna Vroman

Ed Flynn proxy—Bill Vroman

John Otto proxy—Nancy Nelson

Harold Flood proxy—Umberto Garcia

Visitors: Bibiana Garcia

Treasurer Report: Bob Wenderski reported that overall the balance in the treasury has gone down because of no Swap Meet and no Car Show for several years. The number of members though has shown little fluctuation. A motion was made by Bill Vroman and seconded by John O'Halloran to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Membership: Bob Markert reported that Andy Voss is planning on initiating the 2023 membership drive in October. To that end, he is asking Chapter Presidents if there are any changes to the fee structure for their chapters.

Andy also asked about name tags for new members. Discussion ensued. It was decided that when an individual joins, the membership chair will continue to give them a temporary name tag. If they renew their membership for a second year, they will then be given a permanent name tag. Members who have lost their original name tag, may purchase another for \$12. Andy Voss will serve another year as Membership Chair.

Publication: no report

Legislative: Lee Nelson reported that the deadline for road tests has been moved again, this time to December 1. Lee will serve another year.

Website: Bill Vroman, new web master, reported that he had already made several changes to the website including a new look, larger print and revised links to specific pages. He is asking members to send stories and pictures directly to him for inclusion on the site. Bill is currently researching various ways to enable members and visitors to pay on line for show registrations, chapter dues and tour fees. Bill has accepted the challenges associated with the website and will serve another year.

Archives: Bob Markert reported for Chris Schurrer that the archives have been buy. We have received several donations of sets of magazines which are currently being inventoried. Several dozen signs from the Region trailer were donated. Most have been turned over to the Region Car Show and the Silver Springs Car Show. Lastly, we have received boxes of trophies which will be inventoried. Chris had requests for the 1989, 2019 and 2022 Spring Tour sheets from a member of the Fox Valley chapter. These have been sent. Chris will serve another year as archivist.

ACTIVITIES:

Swap Meet—Bob Markert reported that Don McCue Chevrolet has been sold. We don't yet know if they will still accommodate our swap meet. We hope to know more soon. If not, other venues will have to be found and explored.

Region Car Show 2022: Bob Markert reported that pre-registrations were: 13 members/15 non-members. Day of registrations: 7 members and 25 non-members. He felt that the numbers were lower for at least two reasons: we were late deciding to go ahead with show, so notices went out late; fewer flyers were distributed because there were fewer at which to give them out; the rain. Both last year and this, the weather was not smiling on us.

Fall Tour:

Bob Markert reported for John Medgyesi that they are working on the fall tour. They have gotten the hotel (Quality Inn/ 200 Gore Rd., Morris, IL/ 815-942-6600/ Oct. 20-23. They also have scheduled 2 car collections, a tour to an apple orchard and other good things. They are also working on a couple of other stops.

CHAPTER REPORTS:

Des Plaines Valley: Lee Nelson that members attended the memorial for Paul Terhorst; worked at the Cantigny Show; have contributed to Sidelights and are planning to travel to Sublette for the show there.

Silver Springs: Bob Markert reported for John Medgyesi that the chapter has already started planning for next year's car show. They are currently negotiating with the fair grounds, have set contacts with vendors, have arranged for someone to make the plates.

Waukegan-North Shore: no report

OLD BUSINESS:

Business Cards: Everyone seemed to think this is a good idea. Discussed were size of card, wording and members receiving them. Bill Vroman is looking into more details.

CCCA Tour Participation: This group was invited to the spring tour. No one signed up. Dan, who had talked to Russ Rodriguez, President, felt the next move is up to them.

NEW BUSINESS:

Region Car Show 2023:

The biggest discussion here was that many people who contacted Bob Markert asked to pay on-line. Bill Vroman is looking into getting help from National AACA and into finding a more economical way to do this. What he had found out so far is that it is too expensive. Dan suggested being able to do on-line pay for dues as well as registration for both the Region and Silver Springs car show. Bob and Jim Sikora are modifying some of the car show procedures. John O' Halloran suggested that the feature cars be parked adjacent to each other. Everyone seemed amiable to that.

Ballot Committee:

Pat Markert reported that since we have not had an election during Covid that they had to go back several years for a member of the last ballot committee to chair this year's group. The whole ballot committee will consist of Jim & Marcia Sikora, Pat and Bob Markert and 2 others to be determined. She reminded chapter Presidents that they need to submit a nominee to run for the board by October 1. She told the board that if they know someone who they think would be a good addition to the board, they should contact her and she would have Bob call and talk to them. Dale Woolsley and Dan Sobczyk, whose terms are ending, said they would run again. Bibiana Garca said she would run and Lee Nelson submitted John Otto's name from Des Plaines chapter.

By-Law Discussion: Pat Markert suggested that there need to be some changes to the by-laws as we have changed the way we do things and we need to bring the by-laws into compliance. She offered copies of the by-laws to those who don't have them and suggested they be studied to see if there are other areas to be changed. This will be addressed at next board meeting.

She reminded board members that nominees for the Lichtfeld Award will be made at the next meeting.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Will be hosted by Des Plaines Valley Chapter on November 12, 2022. More information to follow.

ADJOURN: Dan asked for a motion to adjourn before Bob Markert lost his voice. The motion was made by John O'Halloran and seconded by Umberto Garcia. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:32 pm.



Fall Tour Reminder:

QUALITY INN MORRIS

*200 Gore Road
Morris, Il 60450*

(815) 942-6600



Region News:

2022 WAUKEGAN–NORTH SHORE PICNIC

All Club functions rely on volunteers who work in various roles. We were proud to sponsor the 2022 Picnic. We were aided by Ed and Jo Ann Flynn who ran the tour route the Vroman's had laid out to verify all was well with the plan and led the tour group to the Hastings Lake Forest Preserve on Sunday August 28th. Ed and Bev Armatys were the additional muscle needed for prepping the pavilion as well as cleanup afterwards. We'd also like to thank the 2 helper cooks, Ed Flynn and Paul Maurer for giving Bill a break. Finally, we'd like to thank the many members and guests who attended. Without you we'd have no event. You all have our sincerest thanks and appreciation.

– Bill & Joanna Vroman



2022 Picnic Hosts Bill & Joanna

Region Events:

Waukegan/North Shore's 2022 Summer Picnic and Tour

by Jo Ann Flynn, W/NS News Correspondent

On Sunday, August 28th, over 50 members of the Waukegan/North Shore chapter celebrated a great summer touring season with their annual tour and picnic. Bill and Joanna Vroman created a wonderful tour that started in Grayslake and rolled through the northern part of Lake County and in to Southern Wisconsin. Ed Flynn lead the tour on Sunday.



Mike Passalacqua's t shirt says it all!



Look at this happy group ready to hit the road after the drivers meeting.



Bill and Joanna found some interesting roads that were new to most of us. If you're in the area, check out Almond Road, the northern stretch of Hunt Club Road, Wilmot Road, Rock Lake Road and Deep Lake Road. All had very pretty scenery.

A highlight of the tour was driving past the home of John and Shirley Davidson in Bristol, WI. Not only were John and Shirley founding members of the chapter but they were also long time hosts of the Summer Picnic. They were out near the road, waving to all the 25 classic cars that were honking as they went by.



Region Events: (WNS Summer Picnic cont...)



I guess Dan Sobczyk was too hungry to wait until lunch. He stopped at the Dairy Queen for an ice cream along the way.

After a 51 mile tour, the group arrived at the Hastings Lake Forest Preserve in their beautiful collection of classics.....



Bill and Joanna had a fabulous picnic lunch ready for our enjoyment. Ed and Bev Armatys helped with the setup (and cleanup).



Region Events: (WNS Summer Picnic cont...)



Bill manned the grill, along with help from Ed Flynn and Paul Maurer.

The members brought an assortment of goodies to the picnic.

And everyone ate a filling lunch of hot dogs, brats, hamburgers, potato salad, cole slaw, fruit, chips and delicious desserts.



Region Events: (WNS Summer Picnic cont...)



And then it was time to hit the road again and head home.



A perfect way to spend a summer day with car club friends!

Many thanks to Mary Ballowe for some great photos.

Non-Region Events:

So many car shows, so little time.

by Jo Ann Flynn, W/NS News Correspondent

The Classic Car Show world is very active. On Saturday, September 17th, members of the Waukegan/North Shore chapter attended 2 car shows!

The Gagewood Lions Club hosted a car show in conjunction with the Wildwood Harvest Fest.



Wendell and Alicia Stevenson, Anna and Richard Nelson, Dan and Liz Helgren, Harold and Carroll Flood and Ron and Mary Wisniewski all enjoyed the day and the beautiful setting. Ron even found a Tin Man garden ornament at the accompanying craft show.

Many thanks to Mary Wisniewski for the photos.

Non-Region Events: (cont...)

Twenty miles away in McHenry, Stade's Farm & Market Classic Car & Truck Show was in full swing.



Dave Jachimowski and his beautiful (and award winning) 1934 Plymouth Deluxe Sedan were in attendance.

Ed Flynn arrived in his 1972 El Camino and received a bit of a surprise. His 1941 Dodge pickup, which he had brought to the show last year, was the featured vehicle on the Car Show Magnet. What an honor for Ed and "Fiona"!



Ed also learned a bit about building a Nascar race car - and how to maneuver into the driver's seat - from 2020 Illinois State Rookie of the Year driver Willie Nelson.



2023 IL Region Dues – Change in Renewal Process

The Illinois Region Board has suggested that the club try on-line registration this year to simplify the renewal process. The IL Region web-site is not ready at this time to accept PayPal or credit card payments. However, we want to try using members' emails to send the registration form. For those who do not have an email address, we will continue to send a hard copy by U.S. mail. You may receive more than one email notice if you have multiple email addresses listed in the membership roster.

The Membership Chairman (Andy Voss) will send out the forms by email around mid-October. Recipients should then print and fill out the form and mail it to Andy Voss together with a check. Andy's mailing address is shown on the form.

If there are any questions or comments about this procedure, please contact Andy at 630-605-8392 or andyjanevoss@aol.com.

Alternatively, the 2023 registration form is also available in this issue of *Sidelights* and in the Illinois Region website (illinoisregion.aaca.com on the Membership Info page near the bottom). You can print and mail that one if you prefer. It's easy!

Thank you for your willingness to try the new procedure! It will save on club mailing costs and eliminate time spent stuffing envelopes.

2023 ILLINOIS REGION RENEWAL FORM



❖ Dear Region Members:

❖ **It is now time to renew your Illinois Region dues.** You must be a **PAID MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL** to belong to the Illinois Region. Please check inside the wrapper of the *AACA Antique Automobile* (Sept/Oct) magazine for the NATIONAL RENEWAL NOTICE.

Since this information is used to compile the *ILLINOIS REGION ROSTER*, please complete this form carefully and accurately.

Please check ONE below:

Illinois Region Dues – Sidelights received by email \$23.00 _____

Illinois Region Lifetime Membership \$300.00 _____
 (Must be National Lifetime Member – Dues for National
 Lifetime membership dues are now \$700.00)

Current paid Illinois Region Lifetime Member? Yes _____

Chapters:

Fox Valley Chapter \$5.00 _____

Waukegan-North Shore Chapter \$8.00 _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Make check payable to the *Illinois Region* and mail it to:

**Andy Voss
 2588-B Rock Creek Road
 Plano, IL 60545**

AACA NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP No. _____

LAST NAME _____ FIRST _____ SPOUSE/
 PARTNER _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

LANDLINE PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

SPOUSE/PARTNER CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESSES: Necessary to receive region mailings such a *Sidelights*

MEMBER EMAIL _____ SPOUSE/PARTNER EMAIL _____

Dues must be received by DECEMBER 31, 2022 to be included in the 2023 Roster.

Would you like the 2023 Roster sent to your e-mail address instead of by U.S. mail? Yes ___ No ___

Put a check mark in front of the chapters to which you belong:

_____ Des Plaines Valley _____ Silver Springs _____ Fox Valley _____ Waukegan/NS

PLEASE COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE OF FORM ONLY IF THERE ARE CHANGES!

ANTIQUÉ VEHICLE INFORMATION

_____ Check here if the vehicle information is the same as last year; then you do not need to fill in the chart below.

Classic Cars must be 25 or more years old

Add Cars Acquired Since Last Year

Year	Make	Model

Delete Cars that you no Longer Own

Year	Make	Model

Save the Date:

Fall Tour

Where are we going?

Magnificent Morris

Where are we staying?

Quality Inn

200 Gore Rd.

Morris, IL.

(815) 942-6600

*Mention that you are with the
AACA Region group. The rate is
\$105 per night.*



When are we going?

October 20-23 Thursday thru Sunday

What are we doing?

*We aren't telling
at least for now, BUT we will be
having*

Legions of Laughs

Good Times Galore

And

Fabulous Fun



*At this years Fall Tour. Save the Date and
make your reservation NOW!*

Guess What?

We are getting to view the
Ken Nagel
Classic Car Collection!



This beautiful collection of more than 30 cars from the 50's and 60's is a special treat for us. In addition, he has a lovely collection of antique farm machinery and an even more impressive collection of antique farm TOYS!



One example of Nagel's cars is this 1953 Buick Skylark Convertible

Reminder:

October 20-23 Thursday thru Sunday

Quality Inn, 200 Gore Rd., Morris, IL./ phone (815) 942-6600

Mention that you are with the AACA Region group. The rate is \$105 per night.





**Waukegan~NorthShore
Chapter AACAA**

**Presents our 62nd annual
Run to Brighton
Sunday, Nov.6th, 2022**

Tired of sitting around car shows? Try something different....



Join us as we travel interesting back roads thru Northern IL and Southern WI to Brighton, WI on our own **Run To Brighton Classic Car Tour** representing the Classic Brighton England car tour in its 126th year, that was first run on Nov. 1896 as a celebration of the recently passed increase of speed limit and elimination of the flag walker ahead of the vehicle.

Meet at 9:00am or come earlier for breakfast
your own

Lunch is on

Panera Bread - outside,
1575 S. Lake St. corner of Rt. 45 & Rt. 60
Mundelein, IL

Driver's Meeting 9:30....Departing at 9:45 am Sharp

Cost per car for Members of AACAA..... \$5.00

Cost per car for Guests..... \$10.00

Dash Plaques to the first 100 registered vehicle

**Please RSVP with check payable to Waukegan/NorthShore AACAA
per car and registration form by Oct. 25th, 2022**

Harold & Carroll Flood.....847-612-9833, car4464@aol.com
33402 Lone Rock Rd.
Wildwood, IL 60030

REGISTRATION FORM

Name_ _____

Address_ _____

**Please enclose check for registration per car payable to Waukegan/NorthShore AACAA
and send to:**

Harold Flood, 33402 Lone Rock Rd., Wildwood, IL 60030

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Yorkville, IL. Please contact: Tom Baumgartner 630-209-
0287/twjbrunner@aol.com

