



# SIDE LIGHTS



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## COMING SOON..



**November 6<sup>th</sup> - Run to Brighton.** Hosted by Waukegan North Shore. (See page 17 for more information.)

### November Board Meeting at White Oak Library District

The November Board Meeting will be Saturday, November 12th @ 11:00am. At the White Oak Library District - 20670 City Centre Blvd. (Formerly Len Kubinski Dr), Crest Hill, IL 60403 Phone # (815) 552-4270.



# Upcoming EVENTS

**November 6** - Waukegan-North Shore **RUN TO Brighton**. See page 17.

**November 12** - **REGION BOARD MEETING** White Oak Library, Crest Hill, IL. 11am. All are welcomed to come. See Front Page.

**December 4** - Waukegan-North Shore **CHRISTMAS PARTY** at Parkway on the Lake, Ingleside. See page 18.



## NATIONAL NEWS

For more information on National and other events see [aaca.org](http://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](mailto:russarod@gmail.com)

Did anyone figure out the mystery car?



Anne & Frank Petruzalek July 04, 1936



## ILLINOIS REGION

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

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John Otto  
Dan Sobczyk  
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##### Through 2023

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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,

It is getting to the point our wonderful antique automobiles will be put into their winter slumber. The season goes by so quickly.

Coming up, for the most part, is the last tour of the season, the Brighton Run. Hopefully, we can all get out and enjoy this tour. Rumor has it that the tour will be going down some beautiful country roads. Try to make the tour and enjoy the day, the people and the beautiful cars that show up for this tour.

By this time, you should have received your ballot for the Illinois Region Board candidates. Please make sure you vote for three names on the ballot and return it to Pat Markert at your earliest convenience. Pat and Bob work hard to get the ballot to you so please return it ASAP. There are very capable individuals running for the board this year.

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## Monthly Recipe



### Egg Nog Pie



### Ingredients

- 3.4 ounces instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups eggnog
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 prepared pre-baked pie crust (9-inch) or graham cracker crust
- 3.4 ounces instant vanilla pudding mix (make sure instant and not stove top)
- 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups eggnog
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream

### Instructions

In a medium mixing bowl, whisk together instant pudding mix, eggnog, and nutmeg until the mixture begins to thicken (about 5 minutes).

In a separate bowl (or in a stand mixer), whisk the heavy cream on high speed until stiff peaks form.

Gently fold the whipped cream into the eggnog pudding mixture.

Transfer pie filling into the prepared pie crust. (Regular or graham cracker)

Chill for at least 3 hours to allow the pie to firm up.

Serve with additional whipped cream and a sprinkle of freshly grated nutmeg.

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont...)



This past weekend, the AACA Fox Valley, hosted a tour that included a car club from the Woodstock area called CAATS. (Centerville Antique Automobile Touring Society). One of the reasons for the tour was to gauge the interest if another club was included in an AACA tour. Well, the results were interesting. We were able to double the number of tour participants. A total of 28 people attended the tour. Not only do we increase headcount, but we get to meet other car people and see some other interesting cars. It is an option we should consider for future tours.

May you all have a blessed Thanksgiving with friends and family.

**We all have so much to be thankful for.**

Until next month,

Dan



## Region News:

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Paul Helman & Ruth Bittner  
[Helman\\_Paul@yahoo.com](mailto:Helman_Paul@yahoo.com)

**RENEWAL  
REMINDER**

### **2023 IL Region Dues Reminder**

**If you have not paid your IL Region dues, please take a moment to do so now. There is a 2023 renewal form attached to this issue of *Sidelights*. Simply print it, fill out the requested information, and mail it with a check for \$23 (plus payment for applicable chapter dues) to Andy Voss, Membership Chairman, at the address 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](mailto:andyjanevoss@aol.com).**

# Region Events:

## FALL FOLIAGE TOUR FANTASTIC

By Andy Voss

The Fall Tour lived up to its billing as an event to experience "Legions of Laughs, Good Times Galore, and Fabulous Fun". To top that, the group of 28 car enthusiasts witnessed some great classic car collections, stopped by some interesting shops, an apple orchard, a race track, a Route 66 iconic venue, and other notable and interesting places. The extravaganza was hosted by the Silver Springs Chapter of the AACA's Illinois Region.



L to R: Al Moody's 1931 Ford Model A, Tom Barosso's 1938 Buick and John Otto's 1937 Terraplane.

It all began at the Quality Inn in Morris, Illinois on October 20, 2022. This motel served as home base for two days of touring the surrounding area. We were blessed with beautiful fall weather. Almost all members who came to the tour brought their antique car and it was wonderful to see them on the road again.

The Friday tour began with a scenic drive through parts of Grundy and Kendall Counties on less-traveled roads, adorned by colorful trees. After a short coffee break in Yorkville, we proceeded to the city of Big Rock to view a nice car collection at the home of John and Mary Rogerson.



John Otto admires this 1931 Ford.



Cars lined up outside of the Rogerson house starting with Frank Reiss' 1940 Ford coupe followed by Don Schreiber's 1931 Ford Model A4.

Fall Foliage continued...



L to R: Tom Risley, our host, John Rogerson and Jerry Bodden in front of a 1955 Chevrolet.



Andy Voss in front of a 1963 Chevrolet



L to R: Bob Markert and Jerry Bodden in front of a 1948 GMC.

He also had a large collection of motor oil cans and vintage automotive tools as well as a very impressive model railroad set-up in his garage.



L to R: Jim Sikora, Tom and Jenny Risley admire John's railroad.



Dale & Cheryl Woosley enjoyed the display too.



Mary Rogerson and Mary Weymouth chat while Al Matison looks around.



## Fall Foliage continued...

Our next stop was an establishment called More Polish Pottery where colorful household ceramic items were sold. It is a Midwest destination for Polish Pottery that receives shipments directly from 5 different Polish pottery manufacturers each month. The owner supplied us with apple cider and cookies.



Jim Sikora relaxes on the porch of More Polish Pottery.



L to R: Alicia Stevenson, Jenny Risley, (in the far back) Cheryl Woosley & Frank Reiss, John Otto and Chris Schurrer search for just the right piece.

From Big Rock we headed to nearby Plano to visit Ken Nagel's impressive classic car collection, again mostly from the 1950's and 1960's. Ken was on hand to personally talk about each of his beautiful "babies" and answer questions. Many of his classics have won prestigious awards all over the country. Most are limited editions and therefore are rare and very valuable. Beside the cars, he has a display of John Deere small model farm vehicles and equipment, and a huge collection of toy trucks.



L to R: Betty Klafta and Tom Barosso, John O'Halloran and Frank Reiss inspect the cars.



←  
L to R: Al Matison, Roy Nelson, Alicia Stevenson, next to Tom Barosso (behind Ken Nagel) Bob Grutza, Paul Maurer, Jeff DeZetter and Al Moody listen while inspecting this wonderful collection.

→  
There was also an assortment of old farm wagons.



## Fall Foliage continued...



←  
L to R: Lee Nelson,  
Paul Maurer and  
John O'Halloran  
look over the 1956  
Ford Sunliner.

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Ken Nagel also  
had an impressive  
collection of toy  
trucks.



The final stop of the day was at Woody's Orchard in Plano to visit the gift shop there and to regenerate ourselves with lunch. Woody's had a great assortment of crafted salsas, jams, jellies and BBQ sauces that were a great hit. There was also the opportunity to pick or own apples or to purchase those already picked. Several varieties were available.



Saturday began with a drive to the Joliet area. Our first shop was the Autobahn Country Club racing track. We were able to witness some really fast cars negotiating hair-pin turns after reaching high speeds on long strait-aways. Very noisy indeed! The only thing louder on the trip was the music in the motel bar (but that's another story for another time). Needless to say, most of our vehicles were too slow to even think about joining the fray! The only car that might have qualified was Al Matison's 1987 Camaro Iroc.



## Fall Foliage continued...



Cars waiting to enter the track.



Top row: John O'Halloran, Dale & Cheryl Woosley, Renee and Bob Grutza and Paul Maurer  
 Next row: Nancy & Lee Nelson  
 3rd row: Alicia & Wendell Stevenson, Al Moody, Chris Schurrer and Jeff DeZetter  
 4th row: Tom Barosso & Betty Klafra  
 5th row: Al Matison, Don Schreiber and Bob Markert

Leaving the Autobahn, we headed into Wilmington, Illinois, the home of the iconic Gemini Giant at the Launching Pad Restaurant and Gift Shop on historic Route 66.



←  
 Andy Voss poses with Frank Reiss 1940 Ford in front of the Gemini Giant.

Leaving the giant behind, a trip into downtown Wilmington and its numerous antique shops was a must stop.

Although the Launching Pad Restaurant was closed it did give a chance to take a picture with the giant!



The final stop was the historic section of downtown Morris, Illinois. The town was celebrating "Magic in Morris" day. The streets were blocked from traffic, there were games and rides for the children and families. It was fun to see the kiddies dressed up in capes or black dresses, sporting round glasses, and armed with magic wands. Of course, the stores were open and having sales to add to the fun.



## Fall Foliage continued...

One of the favorite stops was the Grundy County Historic Museum. This lovely little museum tells the story of this area with interesting exhibits. While we were there, they had a beautiful display of decorated Christmas trees which they will be auctioning off later this year to raise funds for the museum.



←  
Chris Schurrer  
thanks the mem-  
bers for coming.



L to R: Marcia Sikora, John O'Halloran,  
Jim Sikora, Jerry Bodden, Lee and Nancy  
Nelson.

The tour ended Saturday evening with an excellent banquet dinner at Maria's Ristorante in Morris. The food was good, the service was excellent and the company was the best. It was a wonderful ending to a wonderful tour.



We were blessed with lovely 70 degree weather and Mother Nature put on a beautiful display of color all along the route. Fantastic **FALL FOLIAGE**.

## AACA Event:

### Hershey, PA Eastern Fall Nationals -

by Jerry Bodden, SR.



Myself, along with W/NS member Dave Jachimowski, and fellow Buick Club member Bruce Eiseman, departed for Hershey PA early (4AM) on Monday, Oct.3rd. Driving straight thru, 737 miles, we arrived at our hotel around 8PM. Tuesday it rained all day, most parts vendors were closed, tarps covered their wares. We spent the day at the AACA Museum and the new headquarters of the AACA. While there, I inquired about our IL Region \$1,000 building fund donation. Previously I was told that our donation went to support the AACA Library, probably to purchase new shelving. A member of the library staff assured me he'll investigate and advise us of the specific use of our donation.

Wednesday afternoon thru Friday the weather was cool and mostly sunny. We covered most of the vendor spaces Wednesday and Thursday; stopping at the Buick Club of America tent to sample their soon-to-be famous cookies, served on fifties and sixties wheel covers.

Friday was the AACA Eastern National Meet. There were approx.1,200 vehicles on display, from early brass cars to "muscle" cars and beyond; this year thru 1997.

I was one of 300+ judges who met for a nice breakfast buffet at 7AM to receive our judging assignments. I judged engine compartments in Classes 27A & 27B, early to mid-fifties cars.

The Hershey schedule was changed this year; and for the next five years: Car show on Friday and vendors Tuesday thru Friday morning.

On the way home Saturday, we stopped at the Gilmore Auto Museum near Kalamazoo, MI. I'm not sure of the number of cars on display, it's in the hundreds. Several national car clubs (Model A, Cadillac, Franklin, Lincoln, to name a few) have their own building, most built to look like a period showroom.

# AACA Event: (Hershey, PA. Pictures...)



## 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. \_\_\_\_\_

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**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





**Waukegan~NorthShore  
Chapter AACAA**

**Presents our 62<sup>nd</sup> annual  
Run to Brighton  
Sunday, Nov.6<sup>th</sup>, 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 126<sup>th</sup> 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. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Harold & Carroll Flood.....847-612-9833, [car4464@aol.com](mailto:car4464@aol.com)  
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Wildwood, IL 60030

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**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**



**Waukegan/NorthShore AACA**

Invites you to attend our annual

**Holiday Party**

**Sunday, December 4, 2022**

**12:00 Social & Buffet Luncheon 1:00**

**With cash bar**

**@**

**Parkway on the Lake**

**25212 West Lake Shore Drive, Ingleside, IL 60041**

**(847)587-7285**

**Cost: \$14.00 for members & \$28.00 for Guests**

**Club will pick up other half of cost for members**

**Please make check payable to Waukegan/NorthShore Chapter**

**And mail check with those attending to.....**

**Harold Flood**

**33402 Lone Rock Rd.**

**Wildwood, IL 60030**

**By Nov. 28th.**

**847-612-9833 or [car4464@aol.com](mailto:car4464@aol.com)**

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**Reservation Form**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_**

**Address \_\_\_\_\_**

**Number of people attending \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please send \$14 per member, & \$28 for each guest \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Mail by Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Check payable to Waukegan/NorthShore Chapter**

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**Wildwood, IL 60030**

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