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COMING SOON.....



Sunday, May 7 - Waukegan-North Shore DUST OFF TOUR. See page 8.

Thursday, May 18th - Sunday, May 21st. The Illinois Region Spring Tour - Hosted by the Fox Valley Chapter. Tour to the Freeport, Illinois area. Don't forget to get your registration form to Bob Markert by May 10th. See pages 9-12.

Sunday, May 28th - Silver Springs 51st Annual Car Show and Flea Market -Sandwich Fair Grounds, Sandwich, IL. See page 13.

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Upcoming EVENTS

May 7 - Waukegan-North Shore **DUST OFF TOUR**. See page 8.

May 18-21 - Region **SPRING TOUR** To Freeport, IL hosted by the Fox Valley Chapter. See pages 9 - 12.

May 28 - Silver Springs Chapter **ANNUAL CAR SHOW AND SWAP MEET**. See Page 13.

July 23 - Region **CAR SHOW** at Cantigny Park in Wheaton.

August 6 - Waukegan-North Shore **ILLINOIS RR MUSEUM TRASPORTATION EXTRAVAGANZA SHOW**, Union, Il.

August 20 - Waukegan-North Shore **SUMMER PICNIC**. More information to come.

October TBD - **Illinois Region Fall Tour**. More information to come.

October 15 - Waukegan-North Shore **PRE-WAR TOUR**. More information to follow.

November 5 - Waukegan-North Shore **RUN TO Brighton**. More information to follow.

NATIONAL NEWS

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

2023 Nationals & Tours

May

18-20 - 2023 Eastern Spring Nationals - Gettysburg, PA.

July

16-22 - AACA Founders Tour - Norwich, NY.

August

10-12- 2023 AACA Grand Nationals, Bettendorf, IA.

16-19 AACA Vintage Tour - Aroostook County, ME.

Other Events of Interest



May is National Model A Youth Month.

To participate, the Salt Creek Chapter of MAFCA will conduct a Model A Youth Day - Saturday, May 20, 2023 - from 10am - 4pm, held at the Beller Museum. The event is designed to particularly encourage young (actually ALL) people to experience Model A's. So, bring your kids and grandkids! Available to see, ride in, learn from, hear, touch, etc. about 30 Model A's and 2 dozen club members to conduct, guide, teach, explain and demonstrate Model A's. Location: BELLER MUSEUM - 275 Rocbaar, Romeoville, IL 60446. 630-816-1932 or b1932@hotmail.com



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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Members,

Here it is the beginning of May and the start of the season for taking out our cherished rides. If only the weather would start cooperating.

We started April with our annual swap meet. Overall, I would say it was a successful swap meet. We had a good number of vendors along with a very tasty food vendor. Next year should prove to be more of a success. A great big "THANK YOU" to all those who participated to make the show a success.

Last week, AACA held its inaugural model car show. It was a very enjoyable event. There were a number of great model cars along with PROMOS and various size model cars. The food was excellent and we all left with Doggie Bags filled with delectable treats.

The big event coming up is the tour to Freeport, Il. Chris Schurrer did a lot of legwork to ensure this is going to be

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Monthly Recipe



Kentucky Derby Benedictine Spread

Ingredients

1 8oz. Cream Cheese (softened)
1 TBSP. Mayonnaise (or could use Miracle Whip)
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup Sour Cream
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup Cucumber (finely chopped)
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup Green Onion (chopped)
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp Salt
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp Black Pepper
0.12 tsp Dill Weed
add pinch Cayenne (optional)
2 drops Green Food Coloring (optional)

Instructions

1. Peel cucumber and split lengthwise down the middle. Take a spoon and remove the seeds before chopping. Mix together the cream cheese, mayonnaise, sour cream, salt, pepper, dill weed and cayenne with a mixer.
2. Fold in the chopped cucumber, green onion and food coloring and mix with a spoon. Makes about 1 1/2 cups.



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued...)

one heck of a tour. Please make sure you attend at least a portion of the tour. We know that life may make it difficult to attend the entire tour. Enjoy the hard work and effort put forth for your enjoyment. It promises to be a busy and enjoyable tour.

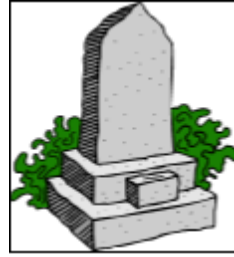
Name tags. If you have not ordered name tags, the order will be going in this week. You should have received an email regarding them.

Lastly, Silver Springs will be hosting their annual show. Please plan on attending if you can. Better yet, go down and give them a hand. I know they would greatly appreciate any assistance you can provide.

Until next month,

Dan

In Memoriam of **Al Reidel**



It is with sadness to inform you that Al Reidel passed away on April 6, 2023. Al was a long-time member of AACA and the Waukegan/North Shore Chapter. He also was a member of the C.A.R.S. club, Avanti Owners Association International, Studebaker Drivers Club, Table Tennis Club, Vintage Vehicles Club of Sun City, and West Valley Flying Club.

He will be missed.



Region Events:

Trivia Night with the Waukegan/North Shore Chapter

by Jo Ann Flynn, News Correspondent

On April 14th, the Waukegan/North Shore Chapter held its monthly meeting. VP Chris Schurrer lead the meeting and discussed the usual business details and upcoming events. Our Dust Off Tour is coming up and also the Region Spring Tour.



After a short break, we tried something new and held a Trivia Contest.

The contest consisted of 5 rounds of 5 questions each, with categories of Automotive (of course), Geography, Entertainment, Americana and Steve Rossi Questions. You might recognize the name Steve Rossi as he writes trivia questions for the AACA Speedster. They are NOT easy questions. Members could play individually or as a 2 person team.



Since I created the Trivia Contest, I knew the answers, but I was amazed at how knowledgeable our members are. I would not have done as well if I was playing. Steve Kolish immediately knew that Mercedes-Benz is the oldest car company still in

Region Events: (WNS Trivia Night cont...)

business. Don Schreiber knew that the Ford F-150 is the most common vehicle on the road today. Alicia Stevenson knew the the Battle of Tippecanoe was fought in Indiana and Ed Flynn knew that New Hampshire is the state with the least amount of Atlantic oceanfront. Chris Schurrer and Ron and Mary Wisniewski all surprised me with their answers. Member Karen Mears served both as scorekeeper and The Judge when it came to debated answers.

In 3rd place with 15 points, consistently scoring, was Tom Schemenauer. Tied for 2nd place with 16 points was the Stevensons and John Palka, who like our winners scored high on the Steve Rossi questions.

And the winners were the team of Jim Greenlee and Gerry Mears with a score of 22 out of a possible 35. Not only did they receive a Winners Certificate, but that certificate is good for a free 1-day W/NS tour!



See how well you would do at Trivia. Here's a few of the questions:

1. What was the LAST 12-cylinder car produced in the US?
2. What TV Sitcom family lived at 1313 Mockingbird Lane?
3. What state's official bird is the roadrunner?
4. What is an SPA truck?
5. Who was the last man on the moon?

See what you miss if you don't come to W/NS chapter meetings!

Thanks to Chris Schurrer for photos and Ed Flynn for editing this article.

Answers: 1. 1948 Lincoln Continental 2. The Munsters 3. New Mexico
4. Studebaker-Pierce-Arrow 5. Eugene Cernan



The Waukegan North Shore Chapter of AACAA



Presents

Our Dust Off Tour

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Featuring Garages and History

Meeting Location: McDonalds,

5555 Grand Ave, Gurnee, IL (The Intersection of Grand Ave and Dilley's Road) - just west of Six Flags)

Arrive by: 8:30 am, Drivers Meeting : 9:15 am



In the 1920s, McClure's Garage, on the left, sold and repaired Ford automobiles. The apartment on the second floor was home to switchboard operator Loretta Ray and her son. The Warren Manual Telephone Company switchboard was located there.

From McDonalds we will take a short trip to McClure's Garage on Old Grand Avenue in Gurnee, which is the oldest continuously operating garage in Lake County This garage was built on the McClure family farm and opened in 1910 by Rowley McClure as a Ford dealership selling a servicing Ford Model Ts. The business has been in the family since that time and is now run by the forth and filth generation, Jack Fallos and his sons. Over the years the garage has housed the telephone company, served as the first fire station, served as a village hall and justice of the peace. Jack has a lot of memorabilia and stories to share.

From McClure's we will be touring through Lake County stopping at downtown Long Grove for a coffee and rest stop before brunch,

After our brunch stop, we will head to the home and garages of Jim Manz. Jim bought his first car , a 1919 Scripps Both about the time he joined the club and still owns this car. Jim has added to his collection through the years and has a diverse collection from Brass Cars to Mercedes Benz 300SLs. In addition to viewing his fabulous car collection and garage, Jim will talk about the origins of our club. Jim is a charter member of the Waukegan Chapter and belonged to the club before it became a chapter of AACAA in 1950, Jim's father-in-law, Cliff Beauchamp (who owned and operated Beaumamp's Radiator and Glass in Waukegan), was also an original member and began collecting antique cars many years ago. If anyone wants to know about the early days of the club, you will not want to miss this tour!



\$5.00 per car, all meals are on your own. Please submit your form no later than April 29. We only have room at either stop out for a maximum of 40 people, so send in your registration early!

,RSVP with check made out to Waukegan / North Shore AACAA and registration form by April 29, 2023

Name _____ Number attending _____

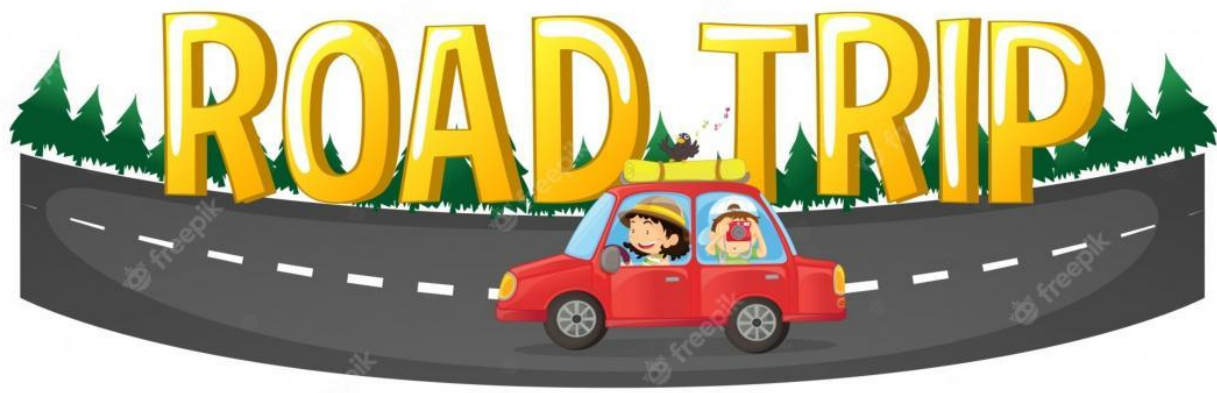
Email _____ Cell Phone _____

Total Enclosed @ \$5.00 per car _____

Please enclose check with form and mail to: Don Schreiber, 1801 Magnolia Ave, Gurnee, IL 60031

Questions? Don Schreiber , phone : 847-347-0740, email: snribe31@sbcglobal.net

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WE'RE GOING TO FREEPORT!

The Illinois Region Spring Tour is going to the Freeport, Illinois area. The tour dates are May 18—May 21. We will be staying at the Baymont Inn Hotel at 1066 N. Riverside Dr., Freeport.



There will be a tour on Thursday leaving from McDonald's at 250 S. Eastwood Dr., Woodstock IL. We will be departing at **9 am sharp**. We will be touring to the hotel in Freeport. Our first stop at Vintage Wings & Wheels will be on this tour.

If you can't join us for the entire tour, feel free to come for whatever days you can. Even if it is just one day, we would **love** to see you. Come join us for fun in sun (I have put in an order with the weather man) in Freeport.

Return this form by **May 10th** please.

Vehicle Registration Fee \$30/vehicle

Thursday:

Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum \$5/person

Friday:

Stockton Museum \$2/person

Freeport Art Museum \$1/person

Saturday:

Railroad Museum and Train Ride \$12/person

Stephenson County Museum \$6/person

Banquet: Buffet style

Roast beef, Ham, Italian Baked Chicken, green beans

Corn, mashed potatoes, cheesy hash browns, salad,
rolls, butter, dessert, water, coffee and soda.

Cash bar \$30/person

Sunday: optional at Maxon's famous Sunday Brunch

\$25.00/person

Maxon's Famous Riverboat Cruise \$20/person

Total

Times
of
people

Total
price

\$ _____

Deadline for Registration is **MAY 10th**

Please make check out to : Fox Valley Chapter AACA and
mail to Bob Markert, 4600 Stonewall Ave., Downers Grove,
IL 60515.

Questions? Call Bob or Pat Markert at 630-852-9893.

SPRING TOUR stops:

One of the stops on this tour will be the Silver Creek Railroad Museum. The Silver Creek Museum of Freeport, Illinois is a not-for-profit educational organization,



preserving Freeport's and America's historical heritage. Come visit our wonderful 28 room Museum filled with memories from yesteryear.



Got milk? The museum has milk cans, cream separators, butter churns and more! It is only fitting that a museum that educates the public about history should show how the past looked.

The Cooper Corliss engine served the Matthiesen-Hegeler Zinc Company of Lasalle, Illinois from 1914 to 1965. One of six large engines, it powered a rolling mill and a line shaft that powered other equipment. This restoration has truly been a labor of love.



The museum also houses a wonderful railroad display.

There are also other displays to tweak your interest. Come join us!!!

SPRING TOUR stops (cont...)

SPORT & SPECIALTY RESTORATION & VINTAGE RACING in Durand, IL.

This shop specializes in restoring some really spectacular vehicles. Their motto is **Preserving the Art and Soul of Vintage Sports Cars.**



"We are dedicated to preserving the art and fun of vintage sports cars and believe that people should enjoy driving their cars. We specialize in Austin

Healey and Jaguar cars, but have experience in many other marques."

FREEMONT ART MUSEUM:

The Freemont Art Museum works to create experiences that spark imagination and engagement in the arts for all people by presenting exhibitions and cultural events, advancing arts education and excelling in collection stewardship.



While we are in Freemont, the art museum is holding a Juried show of new and emerging artists. This annual competition offers to artists living in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin a chance to exhibit work created in the last two years. Opening on Saturday, May 6, 2023, the show runs through July 29, 2023. As FAM has gained a distinguished reputation for displaying a wide range of contemporary art, this exhibition has become a visitor's favorite.



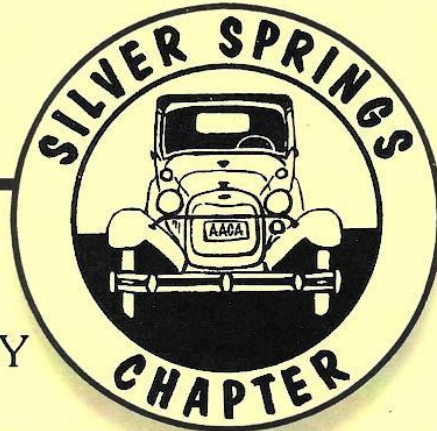
AUTO SHOW

At the Sandwich Fairgrounds

1401 Suydam Road
Sandwich, Illinois 60548

— SUNDAY —
May 28, 2023

6 am - 3 pm



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— No Pets Allowed —

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WANTED

Do you have old trophies which you are not sure what to do with? The Illinois Region Archives has a pipeline for trophies to have a new lease on life and be used in charity car shows around Northern Illinois.

The person who takes care of this is based out Princeton and is the DJ host for many shows in his area. He also hosts many free / fundraiser shows for different charities. For these shows, he takes old trophies and adds new badges to them to give at these charity events.

With the upcoming Spring Tour being in Freeport. There is an opportunity to get any trophies over that way easier from now until middle of May.

If you have been wondering what to do with excess trophies, please consider this an option and contact Christopher Schurrer at (815) 382 - 0238.



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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 suspension frame and springs. 1940 original engine. Paul had this car done. \$40,000 obo. Call Jean Marcotte 815-472-3403



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



FREE, FREE, FREE to a good home.

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Wanted brass sidelights, stationary farm engines, gambling machines, Dave Kolzow 815 246 4545.



VINTAGE 1954 LINCOLN 2 DR HDTP CAPRI ON CHICAGO AUTO SHOW T-SHIRT SOUVENIR FROM 1954, NEVER WORN, ASKING \$75. PLEASE LEAVE MESSAGE. Don Peterson 630-553-2008.