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Upcoming EVENTS

NATIONAL NEWS

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

January 11, 2025 -REGION BOARD MEETING
@ 10:30am is the first meeting and 1pm starts
the 2nd meeting at the Carpentersville Public
Works, 1075 Tamarac Drive, Carpentersville, IL.
All are welcomed. See page 8.

**January 17 -LADIES OF THE AACA
ILLINOIS REGION LUNCHEON** - Granite City,
Schaumburg, Il. See page 16.

2025 Nationals & Tours

February 2025

**6-8, 2025 - Charlotte, NC. - 2025 Annual
Convention.**



Other Events of Interest

January 12th The Great Lakes Region Chapter of Vintage Chevrolet Club of America will hold the 50th Annual Swap Meet on January 12th. The swap meet will be at the Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone, Il. (710 West Street), from 7:00AM to 1:00PM.

This swap meet is for all makes and models of cars. This is a good way to "beat the winter blues" and help support another car club in our area. After the last few years, we all have suffered thru, it would feel good to get out and go to a place that's warm and dry to visit with friends from our car community. See pages 14 & 15.

February 16th 33rd Annual Buick, OLDS, Pontiac & Cadillac Swap Meet & Car Corral. Kane County Fairgrounds 523 S. Randall Road, St. Charles. Open 8am-2pm. See Pages 17 & 18 for more information.



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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Rose O'Halloran
Nancy Nelson

Through 2025

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Through 2026

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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,

Welcome to 2025. It is hard to believe that we are in 2025. It seems not so long ago we were fretting about the end of the world when we entered the new century. Here it is 25 years later.

Think about it, automobiles built in 2000 will be eligible for judging this year in AACA shows.

2025 will be another year of great tours and parties. We start the year off with the all-important January Board meeting. We will have the election of new officers and the installation of the new board members. All members are welcome to attend.

If you plan on attending, please notify our wonderful secretary.

I am having computer problems so I will be closing and hope I can finish this letter.

In closing, I would like to wish all our members a wonderful, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Until then,

Dan

PAST DUE



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Don't Forget!

**RENEWAL
REMINDER**

2025 IL Region Dues Reminder

If you have not paid your IL Region dues, please take a moment to do so now. Also, if you want your name to be listed in the 2025 Roster Booklet, Andy needs your renewal form & dues ASAP. The 2025 renewal forms are on the following two pages. 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.

2025 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, 2024 to be included in the 2025 Roster.

Would you like the 2025 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

Region News:

COMING SOON.....



January Board Meeting at the Carpentersville Public Works

The January Board Meeting will be Saturday, January 11th @ 10:30am. The location will be at the Carpentersville Public Works - 1075 Tamarac Drive, Carpentersville, IL 60110.

Members are encouraged to attend.

Refreshments will be served. If you plan on attending, please notify Pat Markert, our region secretary.



VCCA Swap Meet

The Great Lakes Region, Vintage Chevrolet Club of America will hold its 50th. annual swap meet on Sunday, January 12th from 7:00 to 1:00. The donation is \$5.00. The swap meet will be at the Will County Fairgrounds, 710 S. West St. Peotone, Il. See Pages 14 & 15 for additional information.

AACA Ladies Luncheon

The AACA Ladies Luncheon will be held on Friday, January 17th , 11:30 am @ Granite City Food & Brewery, Schaumburg. See Page 16 for more information.

31st Annual Buick, OLDS, Pontiac & Cadillac Swap Meet & Car Corral.

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Monthly Recipe



Garbanzo Bean Salad

Submitted by Laura Cielenski

Ingredients

- 1 (15 ounce) can garbanzo beans, drained
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped celery
- 1 tablespoon diced onion
- 1 apple, cored and chopped
- 1 cup seedless grapes (red & or green)
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped walnuts
- $\frac{1}{2}$ head iceberg lettuce - rinsed, dried, and shredded

For the dressing:

- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon honey
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon prepared mustard
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon lemon juice

Directions

1. In a large salad bowl, combine the chickpeas, celery, onion, apple and/or grapes*, and chopped nuts.
2. Prepare the dressing by whisking together the mayonnaise, honey, mustard, and lemon juice in a small bowl.
3. Combine the salad mixture and dressing, tossing gently to coat the ingredients evenly.
4. Sprinkle the shredded lettuce over the salad or serve the salad mix on top of the bed of shredded lettuce and serve immediately.

*I used both green & red grapes and apples. You can use just apples or just grapes.

In Memoriam



Roy Walter Nelson 1/8/24



Barbara Jean Stahl 1/16/24



Donald Juday 4/21/24



Frank Reiss 5/28/24

AACA Regional Events:

Holiday Celebration!

Written by: Anna Nelson

The Waukegan/North Shore Illinois Region AACA holiday party happened on Dec 8, 2024 at Parkway on the Lake in Ingleside. The time of year the members and their guests get together to have fun, share stories of events that occurred during the year, and visit with friends. Several guests enjoyed the festivities by wearing their holiday outfits and sweaters, which brings joy to all.



AACA Regional Events: (WNS Holiday Party cont...)

The hall was decked out with Christmas village homes and a Christmas tree for worthy of having your holiday photo taken in front of. The food left us all full, with mini desserts so we can have several choices and not feel guilty.



During the party the December board meeting was held. To take care of some usual business and elect the board members for next year.



Paul Maurer Treasurer, Anna Nelson News Correspondent, Dan Helgren, President, Chris Schurrer, Vice President, Jim Greenlee, Secretary will be the Waukegan/North Shore Illinois Region AACA board for 2025.

AACA Regional Events: (WNS Holiday Party cont...)

A holiday raffle of poinsettias and the winners were:



Harold spoke about how the LIONS club helps support people in need and owner Jerry shared in the responsibility of the work that is required to raise a dog for visually impaired persons.



Many thanks to Harold and Carroll Flood, with Ed and Bev Armatys and Bill and Joanna Vroman for organizing this year's holiday party.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy 2025 New Year!!! Many new roads to journey and adventures to explore!!!

50TH ANNUAL SWAP MEET

JANUARY 12, 2025

7:00 AM To 1:00 PM

Donation \$7.00

Car Parts for All Makes and Models

Second Sunday in January at

Will County Fairgrounds

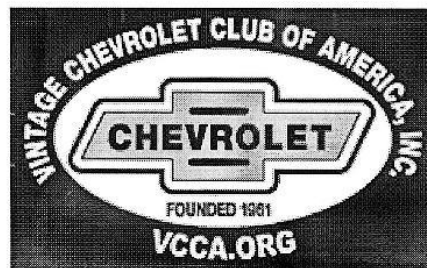
Peotone, Illinois 60468

710 S West Street

Take I-57 to Peotone/Wilmington Road. East to the Fairgrounds

Contact: Jim McDonald (708) 485-3633 or

oldcarswapmeet@aol.com



Presented by

GREAT LAKES REGION

VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA

**Great Lakes Region V.C.C.A.
50th Annual Swap Meet Registration Form
January 12, 2025**

**Will County Fairgrounds
710 S West Street, Peotone, IL. 60468**

**Vendor Set-Up----Saturday January 11, 2025
12:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Vendor Set-Up----Sunday January 12, 2025
6:00 AM to 7:00 AM**

All oily or grease parts must be on plastic.

**Swap Meet Hours----Sunday January 12, 2025
7:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

Vendors must vacate the building by 4:00 PM

**Food and Drinks are available to Purchase
Alcoholic Beverages are Prohibited**

**Super 8 Motel: 5825 W Monee Manhattan Rd
Monee, IL. 60449 708-534-1900
Howard Johnson by Wyndham: 157 N Cypress St
Manteno, IL. 60950 815-307-8317**

Confirmation will be sent two weeks before event.

Mail Registration Form to:

Jim McDonald
3633 Vernon Ave
Brookfield, IL. 60513 - 1613

For Information:
Call after 6 PM Please: 708-485-3633
Email: oldcarswapmeet@aol.com

Please fill out form and sign.
Swap spaces cannot be reserved without full payment.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Email _____
Phone (_____) _____
Signature _____ Date _____

Release: I accept and assume full liability for any loss or injury to me or my property, family, agents, or employees at any time from any cause in connection with this event. I expressly release the Great Lakes Region and the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America, and its operators and Will County Fairgrounds from any liability for loss or injury.

Spaces sell out early so please send in your money as soon as possible.

Swap Spaces: All spaces are Heated Indoor Spaces 10' X 10'.

Tables: are 8ft. long
\$5.00 Ea.-----No. of Tables _____ X \$5.00 = _____
Swap Spaces are 10' X 10'
\$30.00 Ea.---No. of Spaces _____ X \$30.00 = _____

Last Year's Space# _____ Total = _____

Please make check payable to: GLR-VCCA



LADIES OF THE AACCA ILLINOIS REGION

When: Friday January 17th
At 11:30 AM

Where: Granite City Food and Brewery
801 N. Plaza Dr., Schaumburg, IL
South side of Woodfield Plaza

Lunch will be on your own tab

**LET'S GET TOGETHER FOR
LUNCH!**

**NOT ON A TOUR. NO CAR
TALK.
JUST GATHERING TOGETHER
FOR SOME QUALITY GIRL TIME!**

RSVP to joannflynn28@gmail.com
by January 13th so we can make a
reservation



Buick
OLDS

33rd Annual

Lots of Spaces!
Easy **INDOOR** Load/Unload

PONTIAC

Cadillac

DRIVE-INSIDE
SATURDAY ONLY

SWAP MEET & CAR CORRAL

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16th 2025

Large lobby and eating area

KANE County Fairgrounds,

525 S. Randall Rd,

St. Charles, Illinois

Open to Public 8 AM to 2 PM

Paved Parking
& Car Corral Area

Public Admission - \$8

Heated Indoor Spaces – Food – PAVED Outdoor Spots

VENDOR FEES — \$45 - INDOOR SPOT 10 ft by 10 ft

—> \$50 indoor after Jan 31st - *so reserve early!!!*

\$35 - **OUTDOOR**, Large, PAVED spot

VENDOR SETUP: Saturday, Feb 15th 6-9 PM & Sunday, Feb 16th 6-8 AM

QUESTIONS: call **Tony** at **847-521-3130**

Call before 9pm central time

email to:

bopcswap@gmail.com

www.bopcswap.com

PLEASE
- NO PETS INSIDE

NO STEPS
Easily accessible

Directions : On Randall Between RT 38
and RT 64. Off I-88, Exit 115 North Orchard
Rd. 2.5 mi to Randall, then north 6 mi to
fairgrounds. www.kanecountyfair.com

All the Buick, Olds, Pontiac, and Cadillac
clubs will be there!

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Illinois Chapter Pontiac Oakland Club International

BOPC Swap & Car Corral - REGISTRATION FORM

RETURNING VENDORS - Vendor reservations must be received by January 1st or you will be assigned a new space

CANCELLATIONS - There will be **no refund** for cancellations **after February 1**

Registration Chairman: **Tony** at 847-521-3130

Email : bopcswap@gmail.com

Call before 9pm central time, please

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

PHONE _____ **EMAIL** _____

<i>QTY</i>	<i>DESCRIPTION</i>	<i>PRICE EACH</i>	<i>SUBTOTAL</i>
	10 ft by 10 ft indoor vendor space - for inside trailer or vehicle space, please call	\$45 \$50 starting FEB 1	
	8 ft Table rental	\$10	
	Chair rental, metal, folding	\$2	
	OUTDOOR vendor spot / Car Corral spot • For 1 vehicle. <u>NO trailer</u> • Includes 1 admission wrist band	\$35	
	OUTDOOR vendor spot / Car Corral spot • For 1 vehicle <u>WITH trailer</u> • Includes 2 admission wrist bands	\$35 + \$15	
		TOTAL ENCLOSED	

Make all checks payable to: **ILLINOIS CHAPTER POCI**
 mail to: **BOPC SWAP**
669 S. HILLSIDE
ELMHURST, IL 60126

WAIVER (required): I understand that neither the Illinois Chapter of POCI, nor the Illinois Valley Olds Chapter, nor the Chicagoland Chapter of the Buick Club of America, nor the Kane County Fair Association will be responsible in any way for loss or damage to personal property or injury to myself or any person in my party

Signature _____



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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 sand springs. 1940 original engine. Paul had this car done. \$45,000 obo. Call Jean Marcotte 815-472-3403



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

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

1966 Chrysler 300 Convertible. Silver/Black top and interior. Low miles. Newer Top and tires. Auto, A/C, Buckets. Nice Driver quality. \$18,500 OBO. Contact: Dan Sobczyk 847-977-0595 or dansobczyk@yahoo.com Pictures on request.

DRIVE-ON AUTO / TRUCK RAMP - Ideal for car washing, detailing, oil change, lubrication, undercar maintenance. Some call this setup a teeter-totter lift.



Drive on and when tip point is passed the ramp's front legs rotate downward to touch ground. Then the rear legs are manually lowered to have a stable three-point lift.

INCLUDED: Optional wheel sets for easy movement. Optional sliding tool tray for most widths, Optional steel wheel blocks
Overall length of bed is 15½ feet, Width of bed is 18 inches, Maximum width of ramps is 90 inches to outer edge, mounting wedges (removable) 36" x 18"; when installed, makes overall length 17 feet. Move yourself, no shipping. Located in Woodstock, IL. More photos available.



Price: \$350 obo Email: wdstk101@gmail.com Kelly McClain

Early Studebaker Bros. carriage, wonderful original 1500, 2 1939 Sears Handyman tractors, Dave Kolzow 815 246 4545.

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FOR SALE! (continued...)

WAYNE SCHOOL BUS - INTERNATIONAL CHASSIS

\$2,999.00 ALL OFFERS CONSIDERED!!

B-4 185" Wheelbase

Your chance to build your own Model A bus!!

Purchased 4 Wayne school buses and have restored one.

For Sale: **3 bodies and one International Harvester B-4 185" wheelbase chassis.** All the **bodies are apart and in crates.** Title available. Contact me for added details.

Picture is of our finished bus - you are buying parts!

Jordon Beller

b1932@hotmail.com

630-653-2277



For Sale: 1956 Continental Mark II. Anyone interested in owning a piece of history? I'm asking \$100,000.00. Most of our members have seen my car and know it's in like new condition. Everything works including the air conditioning. The car is almost totally original except for the new correct color paint job and a couple improvements that includes a new electric antenna to replace the original vacuum operated antenna and a modern distributor. Both original parts will be offered with the car if desired. The original Bridge of Weir leather is in very nice condition. The original carpet is also still in the car and is also in good condition. Everything works on the car to include all the gauges including the clock and low fuel indicator. The window washer is not connected, and the vacuum wipers don't work very well. There is an electric conversion available for the wipers. Since I never drove the car in bad weather, wipers were never needed. The entire car is ceramic coated including the windshield, so water runs off the car and the windshield as if it was covered in Windex. Another reason why wipers are not needed. There has never been any rust anywhere, so the bottom of the car is pretty much new. It has 52,000 miles of which I have put on about 6,000. The engine runs beautifully, and the transmission has been rebuilt. If interested or have questions, please contact Jack Bowser at jbowz@aol.com.

