



SIDE LIGHTS



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COMING SOON.....



March Board Meeting at the Carpentersville Public Works

The March Annual Board Meeting will be Saturday, March 8th @ 10:30am. The location will be the Carpentersville Public Works - 1075 Tamarac Drive, Carpentersville, IL 60110. Members are encouraged to attend.



Waukegan-North Shore Driving Forces Presentation

Waukegan-North Shore - DRIVING FORCES PRESENTATION - Friday, March 14th @ 7:30pm at the State Bank of the Lakes in Grayslake. See page 6 for details.

Ladies of the AACA Illinois Region Luncheon - Friday,

March 21st @ 11:30am. Granite City Food & Brewery - Schaumburg. See page 7 for more information.

Waukegan-North Shore St. Patrick's Day Party

Waukegan-North Shore - ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY - Sunday, March 23rd @ 4:30pm at the Wassail Room at Hackney's on Lake in Glenview. See pages 8 & 9 for details.

Upcoming EVENTS

NATIONAL NEWS

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

March 8 -REGION BOARD MEETING @ 10:30am at the Carpentersville Public Works, 1075 Tamarac Drive, Carpentersville, IL. All are welcomed.

March 14 - Waukegan-North Shore - DRIVING FORCES PRESENTATION @7:30PM at the State Bank of the Lakes, Grayslake, IL. See page 6.

March 21 -LADIES OF THE AACA ILLINOIS REGION LUNCHEON @ 11:30am. - Granite City, Schaumburg, Il. See page 7 for details.

March 23 - Waukegan-North Shore - ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY at Hackneys on the Lake. See pages 8 & 9.

April 6 - Region 46th ANNUAL REGION SWAP MEET. Bill Kay Corvettes, Downers Grove. See pages 10 & 11.

May 4 - Waukegan-North Shore DUST OFF TOUR. More information to come.

May 15-18 - Region SPRING TOUR hosted by Fox Valley to the Milwaukee area.

May 25 - Silver Springs Chapter ANNUAL CAR SHOW AND SWAP MEET.

June 14 -REGION BOARD MEETING

July 20 -ILLINOIS REGION CAR SHOW. Carpentersville, IL See pages 5,12 & 13.

Sept 13 -REGION BOARD MEETING

Sept TBD - Illinois Region Fall Tour.

November 2 - Waukegan-North Shore RUN TO Brighton.

November 8 -REGION BOARD MEETING

2025 Nationals & Tours

April

3-5, 2025 - Southeastern Spring Nationals - Charlotte, NC - hosted by Hornets Nest Region AACA - 704-847-4215

May

1-3, 2025 - Western Spring Nationals / Grand Nationals - Tucson, AZ - hosted by Tucson Region AACA - 520-904-7325

June

1-7, 2025 - Vintage Tour (Pre-1932) - Southern/Eastern Pennsylvania - hosted by Buzzard's Breath Touring Region - 407-261-9318

19-21, 2025 - Eastern Spring National - hosted by Whitewater Region AACA - 304-673-6273

Other Events of Interest

June 15th GIRCCCA's 56th Annual Father's Day Classic Car Show - Oak Brook Center, Oak Brook, IL.





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 2026

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Through 2027

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Waukegan-North Shore President: Dan Helgren
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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 weather outside is delightful, bringing us closer to reviving the old cars for the coming season.

There are a number of activities going on in the near future. Upcoming in April is the AACA Swap meet. If you have not heard, the swap meet will be at a new location, and it sounds like a winner. Bob Markert and his silver tongue was able to talk his way into Bill Kay Classics and Corvettes in Downers Grove. What better place to hold a swap meet. The Swap meet will take place on April 6th.

Being a new location, the club needs your help in spreading the word and the flyers in all places possible. Thanks to Bob for finding this great venue. **Also, please contact Bob if you are able to volunteer your time a to help out for setup and the day of the show.**

Coming up in May will be our AACA Spring tour. The date will be May 15 - 18th. Fox Valley chapter is currently working on the tour. If you know of an interesting stop in Milwaukee or the surrounding area, let me know and we will check it out. Always looking for new and exciting places to visit.

Lastly, we have the annual car show on July 20th at Carpenters Park. The same location as last year. The show is in the capable hands of Jim Sikora. This year the show will feature 75 years of Nash Rambler. It should be an interesting show with the great feature car that was selected for this show.

Please contact Jim Sikora if you are able to volunteer to help at this year's show.

Until next month,

Dan

Region News: Upcoming Event

Region Car Show 2025

When I wrote about the Region Car Show last month it was cold, as I start my monthly update on our Region Car Show, it is REALLY cold now! I cannot wait to get my cars on the road and take those Sunday morning drives. I keep on dreaming!

This month I would like to focus on unfilled positions. I would like to begin with our chief judge position. This committee leader helps direct members to perform the job they volunteered for as efficiently as possible. The committee leader also helps resolve minor issues, so the show can progress smoothly. If the committee leader cannot resolve the problem, then either the show manager or assistant show manager will resolve the problem.

In addition to this leadership position there are still positions that need to be filled. These are, judges, tabulators (tally judging sheets), show advertisement (publication), sponsorship acquisition, and signage.

If anyone is interested in volunteering or has any questions feel free to contact me at 708-691-9854 or jamessikora@att.net

Jim Sikora



DON'T MISS DRIVING FORCES – 100+ Years of Women Influencing, Buying, Designing & Driving Automobiles

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

DRIVING FORCES – From the very start, women have been right there next to men – influencing, buying, designing, driving, & racing automobiles! Although largely overlooked, the history of women and automobiles is nothing less than fascinating beginning with Bertha Benz' historic long-distance outing in a horseless carriage in 1888.

Join Barbara Barrett for a lively slide/lecture presentation that explores a host of female automotive pioneers including Alice Huyler Ramsey, the first woman to drive across the United States; Helene Rother, one of the first female auto designers at General Motors (GM); the need for speed women of auto racing; Mary Barra, the first female CEO at GM; and numerous other notables.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER: *Barbara J. Barrett, MPA, CAE, is an History Edutainment (Educational Entertainment) Speaker who makes automotive, architectural, manufacturing, music, and world history "come alive" in a fascinating and entertaining way. She has presented programs for C-SPAN American History TV, the Lemont Area Historical Society, Studebaker National Museum, the Gilmore Car Museum, community colleges, church groups, car clubs, public libraries, & senior living communities to name a few. She holds a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree from the University of Illinois and a Master in Public Administration (MPA) degree from Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL.*

**FRIDAY
MARCH 14, 2025
7:30 PM**

**STATE BANK OF THE LAKES
50 COMMERCE DR.
GRAYSLAKE, IL**



**WAUKEGAN/
NORTHSHORE AACA
CHAPTER**

**RSVP: Dan Helgren by
March 7, 2025**

Email:
danhelegan@aol.com

Phone or Text:
847-533-0349



COME AND JOIN US FOR A
FUN AND SPECTACULAR





Ladies Lunch



WHEN: FRIDAY MARCH 21ST
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

RSVP TO
JOANNFLYNN28@GMAIL.COM
BY MARCH 17TH SO WE CAN MAKE A
RESERVATION



Waukegan/North Shore AACA St. Patrick's Day Party



Sunday March 23, 2025
4:30 PM Dinner @ 5:00 PM
The Victory Room at Hackney's on the lake
1540 E. Lake Ave.
Glenview, IL 60025



Your Host: Paul Maurer

- \$30.00 per person for members, \$35.00 per person for guests
- All Tables will have Hackney's Original Fried Onion Rings as Appetizer
- The room is handicap accessible
- Menu Choices:
 - Corned Beef and Cabbage
 - Fish & Chips with Cole Slaw
 - Hackney Burger
 - Grilled Chicken Sandwich
 - Reuben
 - Chicken Caesar Salad
- A special St. Patrick's Sundae for dessert
- Meal includes unlimited non-alcoholic beverages (Soda, Coffee, Tea, etc.)
- Cash Bar



Please RSVP by March 15th

To: Paul Maurer 1230 Magnolia Ave., Gurnee, IL. 60031
Questions? Email: paul.maurer@att.net Phone: (847) 508-9526

Names of Members _____

Names of Guests _____

Members & Spouse @ \$30.00/person & Guests @ \$35.00/person *
Please make check payable to Waukegan/North Shore AACA

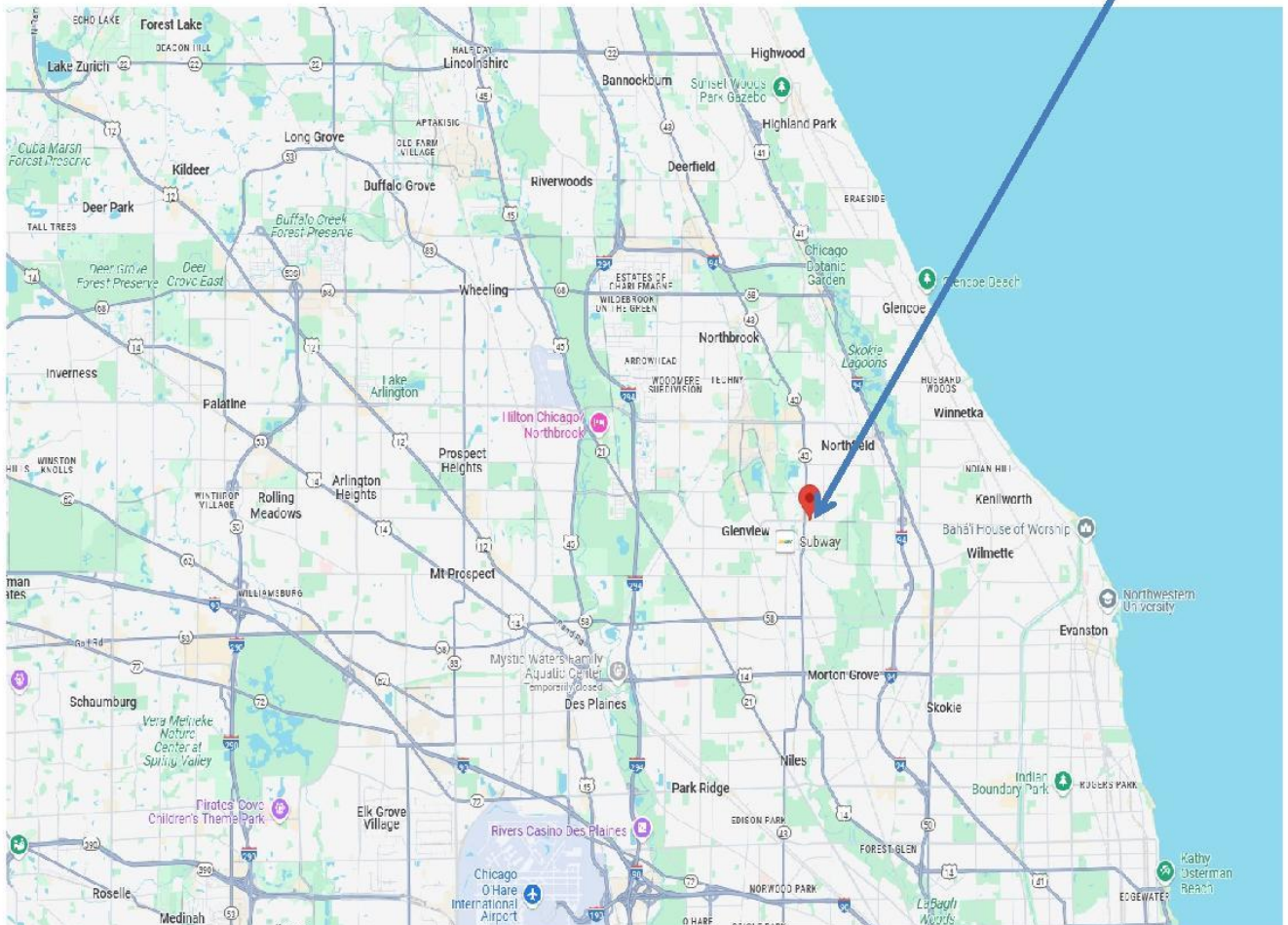
Note: Please call or email if you are attending by March 11th. If you can't send the form in by that date. The restaurant needs to have a total to plan the room.

* Due to cost control last year we can keep the price the same as last year.



Waukegan/North Shore AACA St. Patrick's Day Party

**The Victory Room at Hackney's on the lake
1540 E. Lake Ave. (Just East of Rte 43)
Glenview, IL 60025
Phone: (847) 724-7171**



46th ANNUAL ILLINOIS REGION Auto Parts Swap Meet



On NEW DATE
Sunday, April 6, 2025
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

AT NEW DEALERSHIP:

Bill Kay Corvettes & Classics
2100 Ogden Ave.
Downers Grove, IL 60515
Website: billkaycorvette.com



For Information contact: Bob Markert
630-852-9893 or rjmarkert42@aol.com
To register for swap space, contact:
Chris Schurrer 815-344-3775 or
hpdog259962@gmail.com
Website: www.IllinoisRegion.aaca.com

Donation \$5.00 at the door Swap Spaces \$20.00 each
Weather permitting, outside spaces available
Car Parts for All Makes & Models

46th Annual Swap Meet Registration Form
Sunday
April 6, 2025

Bill Kay Corvettes & Classics
2100 Ogden Ave.
Downers Grove, IL 60515

Vendor Set-Up

Saturday, April 5, 2025
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Sunday, April 6, 2025
6:00 am to 8:00 am

Swap Meet Hours

April 6, 2025
8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Swap spaces: Indoor & Outdoor spaces : building is heated.

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

NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: () _____

EMAIL: _____

Release: I accept and assume full liability for any loss or injury to me or any property, family, agents, or employees at any time from any cause in connections with this event. I expressly release the Illinois Region and the Antique Automobile Club of America, and its operators and Bill Kay Corvettes & Classics from any liability for loss or injury.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Space size is 10' X 10'

of spaces _____ X \$20.00 = \$ _____

Electricity needed? Yes _____ No _____

Please mail your check in early. Spaces are limited and sell out quickly.
Pre-registration is Highly recommended. Return this form with your check **payable to ILLINOIS REGION AACA** to:

Chris Schurrei/ 5502 W. Chasefield Circle/ McHenry, IL 60050-5133

The Illinois Region
of the Antique Automobile Club of America



74rd Annual Car Show

July 20, 2025 * Carpenters Park

300 Carpenter Blvd. Carpentersville

JUDGED CARS: Must be 25 years or older (2000)

**DISPLAY ONLY: cars through 2022 and slightly modified
are welcome**

Open 9 am to 2 pm

Awards given out at 1 pm.

FEATURE CAR: 75 YEARS OF NASH RAMBLER



Come see our new venue at Carpenters Park in Carpentersville.

From the south: Take Route 25 north to L.W. Besinger Dr. (which is .7 miles north of Route 68) Turn left on L.W. Besinger Dr. Go .4 mile to Maple turn west and follow Maple to the park.

From the north: Take Route 25 south to L.W. Besinger Dr. (which is about .7 miles south of Lake Marian Rd.) Turn Right on L.W. Besinger Dr. Go .4 mile to Maple turn west and follow Maple to the park.

There is no entrance fee for visitors.

Questions? Contact

Jim Sikora (Show Manager)

708-691-9854 jamessikora@att.net or

Bob Wenderski (Registrar) 847-226-7591 bsw60045@comcast.net



74rd ANNUAL ILLINOIS REGION AUTO SHOW MEMBERS

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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

Advance Registration Deadline: **July 15, 2025**

Please PRINT:

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Year _____ Auto Make _____ Model _____

Body Style _____ Colors _____ Class # _____

Insurance Carrier _____ Policy # _____

Registration Fees: All judged vehicles must be 25 years old (2000) and older.

Check one only:

Pre-Registered

Day of Show

	Judged	Display Only		Judged	Display Only
MEMBERS	\$15.00 _____	\$10.00 _____		\$30.00 _____	\$20.00 _____
WORKERS	\$10.00 _____	\$8.00 _____			

All workers must be pre-registered to receive the discounted price. NO EXCEPTIONS

Make checks payable to: Illinois Region

Sign below 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. The form MUST be signed and dated.

No alcoholic beverages allowed * All fees are nonrefundable. * **No FOR SALE signs**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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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.

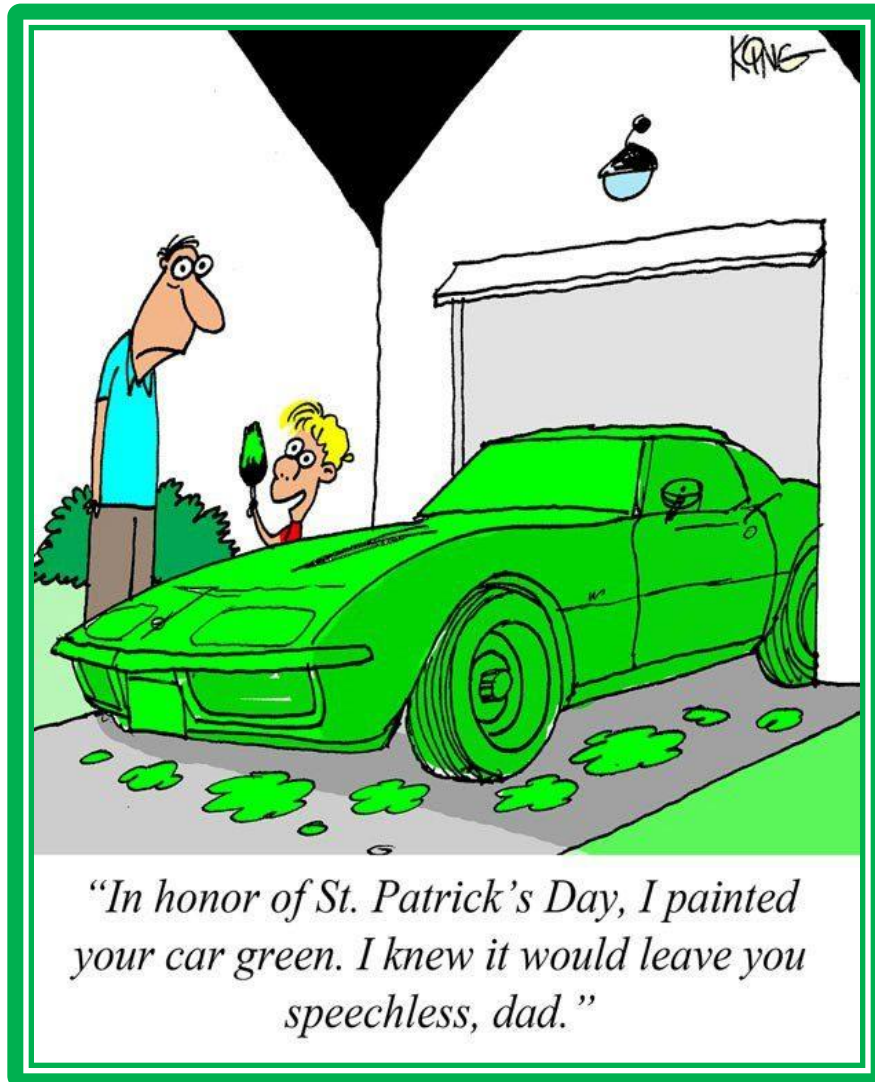
For Sale: **3 bodies and one International Harvester B-4 185" wheelbase chassis.** All the **bodies are apart and in crates.** Title available. Contact me for added details.

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

Jordon Beller

b1932@hotmail.com

630-653-2277



"In honor of St. Patrick's Day, I painted your car green. I knew it would leave you speechless, dad."

