



SIDELIGHTS



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COMING SOON.....



Sunday, April 6th is the REGION SWAP MEET at Bill Kay Corvettes & Classics, 2100 Ogden Ave., Downers Grove, IL. 8 am-1 pm. See pages 10 & 11 for details.



Upcoming EVENTS

NATIONAL NEWS

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

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. See page 12.

June 14 -REGION BOARD MEETING

July 20 -ILLINOIS REGION CAR SHOW. Carpentersville, IL See pages 6,13 & 14.

August 17 - Waukegan-North Shore SUMMER PICNIC. More details to come.

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 2025

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Jerry Bodden
Bibiana Garcia

Through 2026

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Through 2027

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Chapter meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at member homes.

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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,

At the end of the week or the beginning of the week, this next Sunday April 6, the club has the swap meet coming up. This is one of the two functions whereby the region as a whole is involved.

Bob Markert has worked hard setting up this swap meet. He had to find a new location and he found a great one. Pat Markert mentioned that all inside booths are sold out. So, it should be a successful meet.

We need to support Bob and his efforts; he is in need of volunteers to help on Saturday for setup and on Sunday to staff the doors. If you can volunteer some time on either day, preferably Sunday, it would be greatly appreciated.

Not asking for a full day's commitment, if you can help out for an hour or two or three, whatever your schedule will allow, it would be appreciated.

Please call Bob and let him know when you are available. Plus, you might find that old car part you have been looking for all these years.

Coming up, we have the Spring tour to Milwaukee in May. We have some exciting stops planned for the tour.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the registration information for the tour will be delayed. So be patient, there will be a tour. The time frame for your registration will be quick, so when you do receive the information, please respond as quickly as possible.

Lastly, may you and your family have a joyous Easter.

Until next month,

Dan

Board Meeting

Date: 3/8/2025

Host: Region

Location: Public Works Building

Meeting was brought to order by President Dan Sobczyk

Board Members present were:

Vice President Rose O'Halloran

Treasurer Bob Merkert

Secretary Humberto Garcia

also present:

Pat Markert, Bob Markert, Andy Voss, Bibiana Garcia, Lee & Nancy. Nelson, Al Matison, Jim Sikora, Mr. & Mrs. Woosley, Chris Schurrer, Bill & Joanna Vroman Richard & Anna Nelson.

Andy gave us an update on the membership status and asked for help reaching out to the unpaid members. He also mentioned that the membership directory had been sent with some updates and corrections.

The Treasury Report was presented by Bob Wenderski and approved with a first and second.

Jim Sikora gave an update on the Region car show on July 20th at Carpenter Park in Carpentersville. He mentioned that the application has a little bit more complicated than last year but he is working on it with Humberto.

Bill Vroman had printed a 1/25 scale model of a Nash Convertible and it was suggested to print more and sell them at the show in July. More info coming soon.

The Spring tour will be hosted by the Fox Valley Region in the Milkwakee area. A discussion about the Spring tour and accommodations was brought to the table in regard to pricing for room over breakfast included. President Sobczyk will work on it and report back.

Lee Nelson Mention that the fall tour is in the works and will report at next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Summited

Region News:

74th Annual Car Show News for March 2025

Another month has passed, and we are getting closer to July 20th. and the 74th Region Car Show. I want to keep all the members informed as to the progress of our car show.

Last month I talked about the need for members to volunteer to fill various jobs associated with the car show. The response was overwhelming, nobody called to volunteer! I realize that it might be a little early for members to commit. But, even if you are not positive, let me know that you are at least thinking about helping. If you have questions, feel free to contact myself, or Bob Markert. Always remember we are here to help members any way we can. The car show needs YOU to be a success!

Finally, if you know a business or individual who would like to be a show sponsor, let me know. This will allow us to take the time to contact them and hopefully they can become an important part of the success of our show.

Thanks,

Jim Sikora



WELCOME NEW MEMBER!



Craig Zaplatynsky
Zapps65@gmail.com

AACA Region Chapter Events

Waukegan/North Shore AACA chapter, Special Guest Written by Anna Nelson

March 14, 2025, Waukegan/North Shore AACA chapter, had a special guest, Barbara J. Barrett, who gave a presentation on "Driving Forces - 100+ years of Women Influencing Buying, Designing, and Driving Automobiles." The presentation brought out the facts that shed a light on how women played a role in the car industry. Telling us about their tales and adventures that are a part of the automotive industry. This was greatly appreciated and well enjoyed by the attendees at the meeting.



AACA Region Events

Ladies of the AACA Illinois Region Luncheon

By Laura Cielenski

On Friday, March 21st, 13 ladies of the AACA Illinois Region along with me, the Sidelights editor, gathered again for lunch at the Granite City Brewery in Schaumburg. It was a wonderful afternoon of food and conversation. A "Big" thank you to Jo Ann Flynn and Bibi Garcia for planning such the luncheon. The next luncheon will be on Friday, May 30th. More details to come in the next issue.

Those in attendance: starting from the right front to back: Marcia Sikora, Laura Cielenski (editor), Cheryl Woosley, Joanna Vroman, Bibi Garcia, Mary Wisniewski, Joanna Dauer, Jo Ann Flynn, Opposite side of table front to back: Rose O'Halloran, Terry Thomas, Marlene Robinson, Fernanda Garcia, Terri Shaw, Jane Voss and Barbara Barrett.



AACA Region Chapter Events

St Partick's Day Party

Waukegan/North Shore AACA

Written by: Anna Nelson



Waukegan/North Shore AACA celebrates St Patrick's Day at Hackney's in Glenview on March 23, 2025. Many wore their green to express their festiveness of the event. Our members enjoy the ability to socialize with good conversations and laughter. I enjoyed catching up on what is in store for this next season.

Paul Maurer did an excellent job setting up this event, with several food choices, hopefully pleased everyone. All the choices were delicious, the food at this place has not failed us yet! Dan Helgren thanked our members for attending the event. Bob Markert reminded us of more events to come and the opportunity to volunteer.



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



AUTO SHOW

At the Sandwich Fairgrounds

1401 Suydam Road
Sandwich, Illinois 60548

— SUNDAY —
May 25, 2025

6 am - 3 pm



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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

Class #	Description				
1	Production Vehicles	1890's thru 1939	7	Production Vehicles	1980-1989
2	Production Vehicles	1940—1949	8	Production vehicles	1990-2000
3	Production Vehicles	1950-1959	9	Sports Cars (including Corvettes and Thunderbirds)	thru 2000
4	Production Vehicles	1960-1964	10	Imports	thru 2000
5	Production Vehicles	1965-1969	11	Trucks & Military Vehicles	thru 2000
6	Production Vehicles	1970-1979	12	Display Only (non-judged)	thru 2022

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...)

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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

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"Yes, this Chevy is mine. If I'm going to deliver Easter baskets, I might as well do it in style."

