



SIDELIGHTS



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COMING SOON.....

Sunday, May 4th is the Waukegan-NorthShore DUST OFF TOUR - Exploring Burlington, WI. See pages 8 & 9 for details.

May 15th - 18th is the Region Spring Tour to Milwaukee hosted by the Fox Valley Chapter. Reservations for hotel must be made by **APRIL 28TH**. Please see pages 10-13 for tour & hotel information.

Sunday, May 25th is the Silver Springs 53rd Annual Car Show and Swap Meet @ The Sandwich Fairgrounds. See page 14.

Friday, May 30th is The Ladies of AACA Luncheon, 11:30am @ The Granite City Food & Brewery, Schaumburg, IL. See page 15.



Upcoming EVENTS

NATIONAL NEWS

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

May 4 - Waukegan-North Shore **DUST OFF TOUR**. See Pages 8-9.

May 15-18 - Region **SPRING TOUR** hosted by Fox Valley to the Milwaukee area. See pages 10-13.

May 25 - Silver Springs Chapter **ANNUAL CAR SHOW AND SWAP MEET**. See page 14.

May 30 -Ladies of the **AACA ILLINOIS REGION LUNCHEON**, Granite City Food & Brewery, Schaumburg. 11:30am. See page 15.

June 14 -REGION **BOARD MEETING**

June 28 - Carpentersville Independence Day Parade. See page 16.

June 29 -Happy Birthday America Classic Car Show. Carpenter Park, 9-3pm. See page 17.

July 20 -ILLINOIS **REGION CAR SHOW**. Carpentersville, IL See pages 5,18 & 19.

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

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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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,

Hope all of our members had a joyous Easter celebrating with family and friends.

Here we are and it is almost May, the flowers are blooming and the thoughts of car shows and activities are on our minds.

Coming up quickly, will be our spring tour (May 15-18). You should have received the hotel and registration information. Please register as soon as possible with the hotel if you plan on attending. The hotel will hold our rooms until **April 28**. If you are on the fence about attending, you can cancel your reservation within 72 hours of the May 15 date.

Please let me know if you did not receive the information.

On this tour we will be using a cell phone app for directions. We used it in Milwaukee for the test run and it was great. It is a tremendous benefit for those driving alone.

If you have any questions about the tour, please call me as soon as possible.

Early in April we had the swap meet. Kudos to Bob Markert and all those who assisted Bob. The meet was quite a success given the conditions they operated under. A big thanks to all those who volunteered their time and service in making this meet possible.

Until next month,

Dan

Region News:

Car Show Update - What Circle Are You In?

A few months ago, a member of our car club asked me if I was ever in the inner circle of the club. I asked her what she meant by the inner circle. Her reply was about those people who were always making plans for club activities and hanging out together. My reply to her was, I had never considered myself part of the inner circle. I was always two circles out of the center. Recently I moved in a circle when I assumed the position of car show manager.

You may wonder how this applies to the region car show. Newer members may be intimidated by the members of the inner circle. Those in the inner circle are made up of the board of directors, directors at large, committee chair members and their close friends and family members. These people work extremely hard for the region making policies, communicating with national and planning events. However, they cannot do everything alone. The next circle is the group of people who readily volunteer for tours, events and activities on a regular basis. The next circle is members who occasionally volunteer to help. The final circle are members in name only. They pay dues, which might be known by a few members but might not be recognized if they came to an event.

My goal for the upcoming year would be to see all our members move inward one circle during the current year. This would assist the inner-circle members to sustain the quality programming the region provides for all members. This would also help continue the preservation of the antique automobile hobby, education of the community at large and the mission of the AACA.

If you are wondering how you might achieve the goal of moving inward, a straightforward way to begin this process is to volunteer at the region car show on Sunday July 20th at Carpenter's Park in Carpentersville Illinois. You can contact Jim Sikora for more information on ways to volunteer at (708) 691-9854 or jamessikora@att.net.

Jim Sikora

AACA Chapter Event:

Fox Valley Annual Pizza Party and Model Car Show

By Mike O'Toole

On Saturday, March 29 the Fox Valley Chapter held its Annual Pizza Party and Model Car Show at Paisans Pizzeria, 2901 Ogden Ave., Lisle, IL

The following members and guests were on-hand:

Mike O'Toole, Dan Sobczyk, Carolyn Virmond, Bill Vroman, Dale Woosley, Cheryl Woosley, Jim Sikora, Marcia Sikora, Rueben Taylor, Humberto Garcia, Bibi Garcia, Melanie Garcia

Winners of the Model Car Judging included the following:

Best of Show - 1935 Auburn Boattail speedster (Dan Sobczyk)

Also, 1941 Chevy (Bill Vroman); 1951 Mercury (Humberto Garcia).

Other entrants, including Bill Vroman, Marcia Sikora, Humberto Garcia all won Walgreens gift cards for showing their beautiful car models!

Humberto gave the group an overview of some of the different types of models that car hobbyists enjoy building and collecting, including diecast, dealer models, styrene plastic kits, 3-D printed, and others, including examples of his customized models with modified parts and added chassis and engine details.

Following the judging of the model cars, and lots of GREAT pizza, Humberto and Dan hosted an informal discussion with the group to solicit ideas on what type of future events, activities, and tours would be desirable to bring out more members and build club camaraderie. The need for volunteers to support the upcoming Swap Meet (April 6) and Annual IL Region Car Show (July 20) was also emphasized.

SWAP MEET SUCCESS STORY

By Bob Markert

This year the Swap Meet was a challenge. We had a new venue at Bill Kay Corvettes and Classics in Downers Grove. This meant a new set up, new surroundings, new demands on our ability to adapt. For the first time we were dealing with outside vendors and setting up swap spaces in a car show area.

On top of all that, the day of the sale did not start well when the man with the key to the doors showed up 2 hours late! Luckily, I went and got a pot of coffee to pass out to the vendors and everyone hung in there until opening. This made for a crazy set up for the early morning vendors who were setting up and selling at the same time.

Despite the challenges, the day was a huge **success**. First and foremost, we made more than 3 times the profit we had last year. Second, the vendors had excellent sales and have promised to return next year. Third, the customers commented on how great it was to have, not only a swap meet, but a car show too.



Vendors set up their wares in front of some of the classic cars for sale.

I want to thank all the people who came out to help. Whether you came to work or came to shop, I really appreciate your support. This event was started as a way for members to get together and bond over an activity. We certainly had a good time at this one.

Thanks to all: Jerry & Joan Bodden, Mike Borowiak, Linda Dolezal, John Elison, Ed & JoAnn Flynn, Bibiana & Humberto Garcia, Bob Grutza, Dan Helgren, Andy Ibata, Al Matison, Paul Maurer, Melanie Mauser, Jim McDonald, Lee & Nancy Nelson, Rose O'Halloran, Mike O'Toole, Norm Olson, John Otto, John Palka, Jenny & Mike Passalacqua, Don Schreiber, Rick Shaw, Jim Sikora, Dan & Carolyn Sobczyk, Frank Troost, Andy Voss, Bill Vroman, Bob Wenderski and John Zolot. If I forgot anyone, I apologize. A special thanks goes to Chris Schurrer who took the change of venue in stride, figured out how many spaces we had, collected the money and directed traffic on a very frantic Sunday morning.

The Waukegan – North Shore Chapter invites you to
celebrate the start of the 2025 Touring Season with
The Dust Off Tour – Exploring Burlington, WIS



After a journey of just about 55 miles starting in Mc Henry, ILL, we will get a slice of what the local has to offer. Starting with a visit to the Burlington Historical Society's Museum.



From the museum we head into their historic downtown for two unique stops. The first, for all those music lovers, we have arranged a brief discussion of the history, and demonstration of musical saws. Did you happen to forget to arrange a serenade for your beloved during your honeymoon? Now's your chance!



Afterward, after some time for lunch, the finale is another unique stop surely not to be missed. We will visit the Logic Puzzle Museum. This stop will include a 90-minute hands-on session with 60 different brainteaser puzzles to try, and you get to make one to bring home with you.

Have your thinking caps on!



SATURDAY MAY 3, 2025 Meet at 8:00 A.M., leave at 9:00 A.M. SHARP
From McDonald's. 4411 W. Elm St. Mc Henry, ILL 60050
RSVP by April 28, 2025 w/ included form. Questions? Call (815) 382-0238

REGISTRATION FORM

WAUKEGAN – NORTH SHORE, A. A. C. A. DUST OFF TOUR – MAY 3, 2025

Name(s) : _____

Phone Number : _____

Vehicle(s) : _____

Registration Fee : \$10 / car – members | \$15 / car – non-members

x _____ cars : \$ _____

Burlington Historical Museum \$2 / person x ____ people : \$ _____

Logic Puzzle Museum \$14 / person X _____ people : \$ _____

The 90 Minute Presentation will begin after lunch, appx. 2:00 P. M.

Please RSVP by April 28, 2025 with checks payable to Waukegan – North Shore Chapter A. A. C. A. and send to :

Christopher Schurrer 5502 W. Chasefield Cir. Mc Henry, ILL 60050 -5133

Questions? Call (815) 382 - 0238

Milwaukee AACA SPRING TOUR Information



Join us for an exciting tour of the city of Milwaukee. We will be staying at the Embassy Suites in Brookfield, WI. 1200 Moorland Road. All rooms have coffee makers and refrigerators.

It is an all-suite hotel and all rooms have king beds and a sleeper sofa. There is a open atrium with ample seating to gather and socialize.

Included in your rate is an evening reception with two drinks per person and

light snacks included. The Happy hour is from 5 -6:30 pm every night. The hotel has a bar and restaurant on premise for your enjoyment.

In the morning, before we begin touring, you will enjoy a made to order breakfast and buffet included in your room charge.

The rate at the hotel is \$139.00 per night plus tax.

There will not be a hospitality suite for our exclusive use due to hotel policy and the cost of a private room. We will gather in the atrium.

The AACA has 30 rooms set aside. Make your reservations by calling **844-738-3913**. Give them code **93D**. Our block of rooms will be held until **April 28**. After that date, rooms may not be available at our special rate. The hotel has a 72-hour cancellation policy if you make a reservation and cannot attend.

Please make your reservations before the cutoff date of April 28.

Milwaukee AACRA SPRING TOUR Information

Our tour on Friday will include a guided tour of the Pabst Mansion, a visit to the World famous BOBBLE HEAD MUSEUM and a guided Tour of the Grohmann Museum. The museum is dedicated to the evolution of human work.

Saturday will include a guided tour of the domes in Milwaukee, a brewery tour at Lakeside Brewery and a visit to Antiques on Pierce for your shopping pleasure.

Please make plans to join us on a fascinating tour of some fascinating sights in Milwaukee.

The registration package will be sent out in the very near future.

If you have any questions about the tour, please contact Dan Sobczyk (847-977-0595).

Welcome to the AACA Spring tour 2025

May 15 -18

IMPORTANT NOTE: On This tour we will be utilizing the WAZE Program as our guide.

We will be using the WAZE website for our directions in navigating the streets of Milwaukee. Please load this program on your phone. Under options in NAVIGATION, please choose AVOID FREEWAYS.

There will also be turn by turn directions included for each day.

Dinner on Saturday will be 'On your own' at the ORGAN PIPER PIZZA PALACE. The restaurant is known for the huge WURLITZER Organ that will play as we enjoy our dinner. You will order from the menu. Not a fancy restaurant but fun.

The owner of the establishment is a "car guy" and will have an area reserved for our cars for safety and public enjoyment.

Please complete the TOUR REGISTRATION FORM and return to Dan Sobczyk, 210 South Street, West Dundee, IL, 60118. Include your name and a check made out to Fox Valley Chapter-AACA for the total amount.

Any questions, call me at 847-977-0595

Return no later than 5-7-25.

TOUR REGISTRATION:

Milwaukee AACA Spring Tour

COST

Mandatory Per Car Registration Fee: \$25

FRIDAY 5-16 SCHEDULE

PABST MANSION: \$14PP X # Attending

BOBBLE HEAD MSM \$5PP X # Attending

Lunch is on your own this day

Grohmann Museum- Pay at the museum. Price varies Seniors \$3PP. General \$5PP

Saturday 5-17 Schedule

Mitchell Park Domes: \$9PP X # Attending

BREWERY TOUR: \$15PP X # Attending

(Lunch at the Brewery is on your own.)

Antiques on Pierce. NO CHARGE.

Dinner – ORGAN PIPER PIZZA PALACE

TOTAL :

YOUR NAME:

Cell Number:

Please complete the REGISTRATION FORM and return to Dan Sobczyk, 210 South Street, West Dundee, IL, 60118. Include your name and a check made out to Fox Valley Chapter-AACA for the total amount.

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AUTO SHOW

At the Sandwich Fairgrounds

1401 Suydam Road
Sandwich, Illinois 60548

— SUNDAY —
May 25, 2025

6 am - 3 pm



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LET'S GET TOGETHER FOR LUNCH!

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

Lunch will be on your own tab

**MAY 30TH 2025
11:30AM**

**RSVP TO
JOANNFLYNN28@GMAIL.COM**

**BY MAY 26TH SO WE CAN
MAKE A RESERVATION**





Saturday, June 28th @ 10am.

Register for the parade @

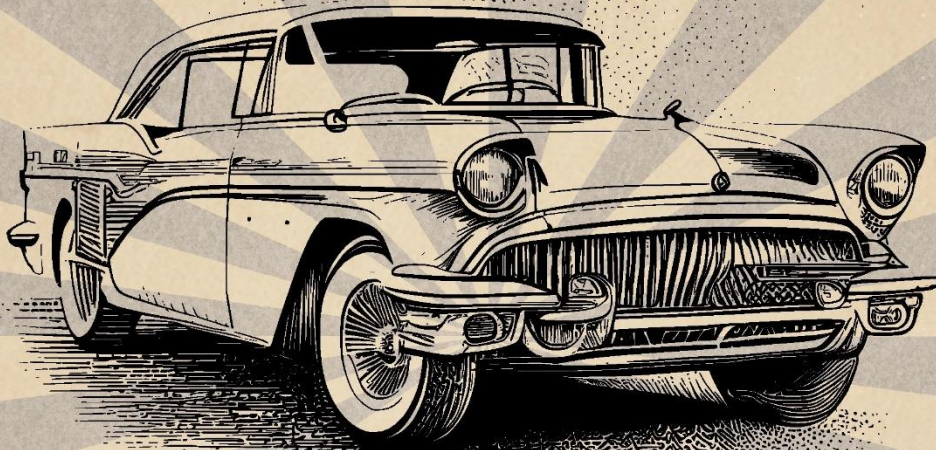
www.cville.org/516/Independence-Day-Parade



HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA



CAR SHOW



CARPENTER PARK

275 MAPLE AVE., CARPENTERSVILLE, IL 60110

SUNDAY, JUNE 29TH

9:00AM - 3:00PM

REGISTRATION 9:AM - 11:00AM

AWARDS AT 2:00PM

REGISTRATION FEE \$20.00

BEST OF SHOW, POLICE & FIRE AWARDS, AND MORE!



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.

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INCLUDED: Optional wheel sets for easy movement. Optional sliding tool tray for most widths, Optional steel wheel blocks
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