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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

COMING SOON.....

★ **Saturday, June 14th Region Board Meeting -**
Somonauk Library, 700 Lasalle St. Somonauk, IL.
10:30am.

★ **Saturday, June 28th - Carpentersville**
Independence Day Parade. See page 15.

★ **Sunday, June 29th - Happy Birthday America**
Classic Car Show - Carpenter Park,
Carpentersville, IL. See page 16.



Upcoming EVENTS

NATIONAL NEWS

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

June 14 -REGION BOARD MEETING - Hosted by Silver Springs - Somonauk Library, 700 Lasalle St. Somonauk, IL. 10:30am.

June 28 - Carpentersville Independence Day Parade. See page 15.

June 29 -Happy Birthday America Classic Car Show. Carpenter Park, 9-3pm. See page 16.

July 20 -ILLINOIS REGION CAR SHOW. Carpentersville, IL See pages 5,6,17 & 18.

August 3 - Waukegan-North Shore ILLINOIS RR MUSEUM TRASPORTATION EXTRAVAGANZA TOUR & SHOW, Union, IL. More information to come.

August 3 - Waukegan-North Shore GRAND DOMINION CAR SHOW, Mundelein, IL. See page 19.

August 9 - Waukegan-North Shore SYCAMORE STEAM SHOW, Sycamore, IL.

August 17 - Waukegan-North Shore SUMMER PICNIC. See page 20.

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

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.

July

2-5, 2025 - Central Spring Nationals - Auburn, IN - hosted by Crossroads of America Region AACA - 260-925-4710.

24-26, 2025 - Grand Nationals / Zenith - Dayton, OH - hosted by AACA National. 717-534-1910.

August

12-15, 2025 - Eastern Divisional Tour - Northern Maine - hosted by Maine Region AACA - 207-768-1033.

Other Events of Interest

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





ILLINOIS REGION

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Members,

What a great time of the year! We have been waiting for this time all winter and it is upon us. The time for cruise nights, car shows and BBQ,

The AACA Spring tour took place last month and what a wonderful tour it was. I may be somewhat biased being it was sponsored by the Fox Valley Chapter and I am President of that chapter.

The hotel was top notch and the service and food provided by the hotel was first class. I think we all appreciated the Happy Hour at the hotel after a long day of touring. We were able to relax with refreshments and light snacks provided by the hotel.

There was nothing on the tour associated with antique cars and apparently that was appreciated by some members on the tour.

For all the new members of the Illinois Region AACA and as a reminder to the seasoned members; the Spring tour takes place on the weekend after Mother's Day. The fall tour is the third weekend in October. If there is a change to these dates, the membership will be notified in a timely manner so they can act accordingly.

Coming up on July 20, is the 74th Annual AACA Car Show. The featured car this year will be the Nash Rambler. Bob Grutza, our Nash Guy, is busy rounding up cars for the show. There will be some beautiful and exotic Nash's on the show field. That alone is a reason to attend.

If you have not registered for the show, please do so as soon as possible. Jim Sikora is the show manager and he has been busy making sure all aspects of the show are in place. Also, there is a need for judges for the show. If you have never judged and would like to get involved, here is your chance. You would work with an experienced judge and learn the art of judging.

Until next month,

Dan

Region News:

Car Show Update - June 2025

As we move closer to our region car show on July 20th things are starting to fall into place. We are looking forward to good weather and a wonderful turnout of fantastic automobiles. This is one of the few times in the year that all the clubs in the region get together to spotlight what AACA is all about. This is one of the best ways we can attract new members by showing them our enthusiasm and willingness to answer their questions about the old car hobby. This year we have a few new treats in store. One of them is a collectable model of our featured car, the Nash Rambler which is celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary. This is the creation of Bill Vroman and his incredible 3-D printer. A limited quantity will be available at the event. More new features will be discussed next month.

We are still in need of judges and tabulators. If you can volunteer, PLEASE contact Jim Sikora or Bob Markert. Bob will be setting up a judging school in July. No experience necessary. This is a fantastic way to learn the basics of judging. Practice judging will be done with Frank Troost's collection.

Even if you are unable to volunteer, we appreciate having club members show up to enjoy the day and show their support at the event. In conclusion there are three things we need for a successful show: pleasant weather, wonderful cars, and you!

James Sikora

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Region News: More Car Show News

For this year's Illinois Region Car Show we are pleased to offer a limited-edition model of the Feature Car, Nash Rambler. Only 25 of these models will be created. It is 3D printed and available assembled or as a paintable Kit. The model has LED headlights and taillights. It's also featured on the Dash Plaque for this year's show.

The models will be available at the Annual Region Car show on July 20th at Carpenters Park.

Kits will be available for \$20 and assembled models for \$25.

Reserve yours by letting us know what you want by emailing aacaillinoisregionwebmaster@gmail.com and letting us know if you want a kit or assembled model.

If you are not attending the car show, you will need to pick it up at the September Region meeting or ask your chapter president to pick it up for you.



AACA Chapter Event:

Dust Off Tour

By: Anna Nelson

The Waukegan/North Shore Chapter, 55-mile Dust Off Tour took place May 3, 2025. Started from McDonalds in McHenry heading through scenic rural route to Burlington, WI. Enjoying a sunny cool day, all the events were planned to explore Burlington Wisconsin.



The first stop was at the Burlington Historical Society Museum which included an interactive display, plus information on history on their community and a nice tribute to residents that served and their contribution in the Civil War.

Exploring the Historical Downtown, they stopped to enjoy a small concert demonstration using a saw and a bow to create music. The music was surprisingly pleasant. A concept that started in the southern community, where instruments were scarce. The place makes saws for music to keep the tradition alive. What a unique experience!

Off to lunch on their own venturing to explore some of the little diners available in the town.

Final stop at Login Puzzle Museum with 90 minutes of hands-on session with over 60 different brain teasing puzzles. This place was small and cozy with a very lively curator encouraging our group, just meeting us, she was able to address them on first name basis. Participation in puzzles made from nails, some of blocks, and others of different materials. The 90-minute event turned into 3 hours of exciting intriguing puzzles.



Thanks to Harold Flood for enlightening me with his experience on this tour and JoAnn Flynn for her pictures. Thanks to Chris Schurrer for putting together an energetic Dust Off Tour to start off the year!

AACA Region Event:

2025 AACA Spring Tour -

By Humberto Garcia



Hi Everyone,

What a great event the Spring Tour was. For some of us it started on Thursday the 15th and for others Friday the 16th.

With a short drive from our host hotel to the Pabst Mansion, talk about Luxury. This great mansion was home to a German immigrant Captain Pabst. A great way to start the days activities was with a free sample of ice-cold Pabst beer and a guided tour of his luxurious home. Did I mention it was one of the first electrified houses in Milwaukee? and their gift shop.

From there with the help of Waze (our new tour navigation app) we headed to the Bobblehead Museum and to say there was a lot. This place has 10,000 plus bobbleheads; They had a Where is Waldo contest and it was hard to find Waldo believe me. After we had a great Deli lunch and conversation.



From there it was off to the Grohmann Art Museum where we had the chance to learn about the secret messages sent by the Authors in their paintings. There was even a nonauthentic Rembrandt signed by Rembrandt. This Museum has some very interesting sculptures and a great terrace that overlooks the Milwaukee skyline.

With some quick pictures of some of the cars on the tour, it was back to the hotel. We went for a nice happy hour with some more complimentary drinks. And add to the night we had a storm that would scare the best of the tour pilots and navigators.

AACA Region Event: 2025 Spring Tour cont...



Saturday morning started with a complimentary breakfast and a drive to the Milwaukee Domes. There we visited 3 different domes that showed us about eco systems and how different plants and trees are in different temperatures and areas of our planet. This guided tour

showed us an endless variety of flowers and plants common to our area. Also, palm trees with Bananas, Dates and Coconuts, and not to forget Cactus with edible fruits.

The next stop was at Lakefront Brewery where we were educated in the art of manufacturing Gods elixir of hops and malt. We also had some samples of their beer followed by lunch at the Brewery in our own private room. After lunch some of us stopped at a Whiskey distillery and then went to the hotel for a well-deserved rest.



That night we caravanned for dinner to the Organ Piper Pizza Restaurant and Music Palace. What a great place for fun, music and food. We were able to enjoy music from the classics to today's tunes. After some requests were played by a Master Organist, we headed out for the last stop of the day, Oscars Frozen Custard. To end the day, yes you guessed it, back to

the Hotel for a Night Cap, yep some more drinks, Happy hour courtesy of the Hotel.

AACA Region Event: 2025 Spring Tour cont...

Sunday morning started a little late with Breakfast and car talk and goodbyes to friends and recaps of the great Spring tour.

If you missed this tour, please enjoy the pictures and we will see you on the next tour in the fall.

Thanks to Fox Valley President Dan and our First Lady Madam Caroline for a great and very well-planned Spring Tour.





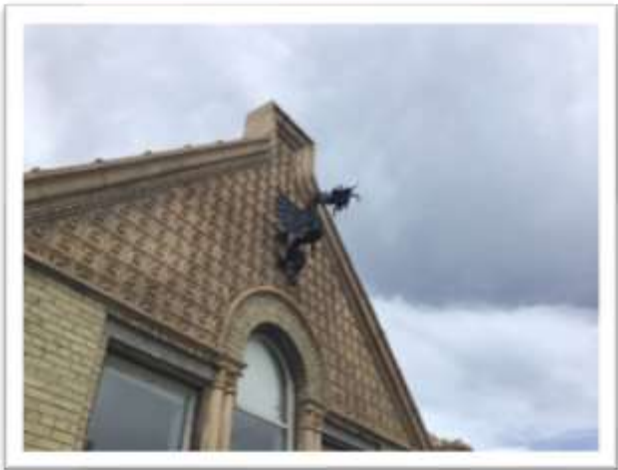
AACA Region Event: 2025 Spring Tour cont...

Rose O'Halloran sent in photos of the day she went on the tour and wrote the following:

"The Pabst Mansion is under extensive renovation, thus the scaffolds. But there was a period photomural on the wall of the gift shop. We were met by a lovely tour guide who primed us with... Pabst Beer! Then we drove two miles to the Bobblehead Museum. 10,000 bobbles, the largest collection in the nation. Bibi Garcia found Waldo and got a piece of candy. Lunch was in the same building and was excellent. Next, Grohmann Museum on the University of Milwaukee School of Engineering campus. Our tour guide Jill was wonderful. Mr. Grohmann is 86 but we did not meet him. There were 16 on the tour today."



AACA Region Event: 2025 Spring Tour cont...



AACA Region Events

Ladies of the AACA Illinois Region Luncheon

By Jo Ann Flynn

The Ladies Luncheon was at Granite City Brewery as always. It was a small group, just 9 of us. We had a great time, as we celebrated April and May birthdays, and discussed everything from summer plans, gardening, crafting to the problems with grocery stores price controls! Since everyone is so busy now it was decided that we would skip the summer months and reconvene in the fall.





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

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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: _____



Grand Dominion Car Show Mundelein, IL
August 3, 2025
10:00 - 2:30

ANTIQUES, CLASSICS, MUSCLE, POST-1980'S AND CONCOURS CARS

Join us for one of the best car shows in the Northern Suburbs.
This is an annual charity event to support the Fremont Township Food Pantry.
Requested donation of \$10 to the Fremont Township Food Pantry at Check-In!

Reserve your spot with this **EARLY REGISTRATION FORM** or for additional information
email granddominioncarshowquestions@gmail.com

On site registration opens at 9:00 AM

To register for the show, please go to the following link.

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/QCwn9jt/2025CWTCReg>

2025 Waukegan/North Shore AACA Summer Picnic and Tour Sunday August 17th



You are cordially invited to participate in the 2025 AACA Waukegan / North Shore Summer Picnic and Tour.

Our tour will start at the McDonalds, 1804 E. Belvidere Rd, Grayslake, IL (IL 120/US 45)
It will cover 50 leisurely miles of back roads in Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin ending at the Lake County Hastings Lake Forest Preserve Shelter A.
Drivers Meeting is at 10:30 AM

The Picnic includes Burgers, Brats, Dogs, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Chips and Beverages.
You are welcome to bring a dish to pass. Last names beginning in A-M bring desserts
Last names beginning in N-Z side dishes.
The Forest Preserve allows alcohol in the pavilion so BYO if you're interested.

The 2025 Picnic / Tour cost is \$10 per member & family and \$15 for guests.

Make your check out to Waukegan/North Shore AACA.

Please post your check along with the number of people attending by August 3rd so we have time to shop.

Number of Members/family _____ x \$10 = _____

Number of Guests _____ x \$15 = _____

Send your payment to: Bill & Joanna Vroman
27753 W. Bayview Dr.
Ingleside, IL 60041

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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.

1912 Sears 2-cylinder motorcycle, well restored, Dave 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!

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