



SIDELIGHTS



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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

COMING SOON.....

November 2nd - Run to Brighton -

Hosted by Waukegan North Shore. See page 13 for more information.

November 7th - Ladies of the AACA

Luncheon - Granite City - Schaumburg. See page 14 for more information.

November 8th - Illinois Region Board Meeting

10am White Oak Library Crest Hill Branch 20670 City Center Blvd. Crest Hill, IL. 60403. Lunch will be served so if attending please text Lee Nelson @ 815-600-5471.

Upcoming EVENTS

November 2 - Waukegan-North Shore RUN TO Brighton. See page 13.

November 7 -LADIES OF THE AACA ILLINOIS REGION LUNCHEON - Granite City, Schaumburg, Il. See page 14 for more information.

November 8 -REGION BOARD MEETING - 10:00am Hosted by Des Plaines Valley. At the White Oak Library: Crest Hill Branch 20670 City Center Blvd. Crest Hill, Il 60403
Please R.S.V.P. to Lee Nelson if attending. Text him at 815-600-5471 Lunch will be served.

December 7 - Waukegan-North Shore CHRISTMAS PARTY at Parkway on the Lake, Ingleside. See page 15.

NATIONAL NEWS

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

2026 Nationals & Tours

February
5-7, 2026 – Annual Convention/National Awards – Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles, Chantilly, VA – 717-534-1910 [Click here for hotel reservation](#)

March
26-28, 2026 – Winter Nationals – Cartersville, GA – hosted by Lake Allatoona Region



In Memoriam

Pat Hart

It is with deepest sympathy that we announce the passing of member Pat Hart wife of Ernie Hart on Saturday, October 4, 2025.

Our condolences go out to the Hart family and friends.



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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BOARD MEMBERS:

Through 2025

Dan Sobczyk
Jerry Bodden
Bibiana Garcia

Through 2026

Chris Schurrer
Rick Shaw
Dale Woosley

Through 2027

Humberto Garcia
Rose O'Halloran
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Chapter meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at member homes.

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,

It wasn't very long ago we were thinking about the day we would have our treasures on the road again. In a few days we will be driving and enjoying our treasures for possibly the last time this season.

Where the time has gone, I don't know, but it passed quickly. The list of things I wanted to do this summer was long and it still is.

An old friend of mine told me life is like a roll of toilet paper, the closer you get to the end the faster it goes. He was right.

We have some wonderful memories of this past summer. One of those is the great fall tour that was done by the DesPlaines Valley Chapter. I could only attend the tour on Friday and what a great day it was.

We enjoyed seeing the Packard Collection of Allen Strong. What an amazing collection of Packard memorabilia and automobiles he has in several buildings. After the collection, we learned about the area and Abraham Lincoln on a tour of their local museum. We visited a railroad museum and the mansion of the founder of the Chicago Stockyards. What a busy day. I am only sorry I missed the second day that was as great as the first day.

Thanks again to the DesPlaines Valley Chapter for a tour well done.

This month we have our board meeting. It will be Saturday, Nov. 8th. It would be great to see our members at the meeting. We are also looking for members to volunteer to run for election to the board. Give it some thought, it is your club.

I would like to thank the members that sent in their input regarding the possibility of hosting a AACA national meet in the region. If you have additional thoughts about hosting the meet, please let us know. It is not too late.

Until next month,
Dan

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Annual Dues

It's AACA IL Region 2026 Membership Renewal Time!!!

We are doing the application process by email again this year to save on printing and mailing costs. Thank you for your cooperation. Payment by credit card or via our IL Region web-site is not an option at this time, but is still being investigated by the Region Board of Directors.

Lifetime IL Region members are also asked to complete the form, omitting region dues but paying any chapter dues that are applicable. Return the completed form to Andy Voss, Membership Chairman, at the address shown on the form.

Barbara & Larry Hart and Tom & Peggy Schemenauer have won free 2026 region dues in the photo contest. Bibiana & Humberto have pre-paid their 2026 region dues. Ed Kuefler is a complimentary new member through 2026. Board of Directors members are not required to pay region dues but should pay any applicable chapter dues.

Please send in the 2026 application form even if you do not owe anything and remember to list any new classic cars (or delete one you no longer own) on the second page.

**Andy Voss
Membership Chairperson**

2026 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: The \$23 annual fee does not apply if you are a region lifetime member.

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
245 E. Willow Ave., Apt. 518
Wheaton, IL 60187**

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, 2025 to be included in the 2026 Roster.

Would you like the 2026 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!

ANTIQUE 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

CLEANING OUT THE ARCHIVES

We have had a number of members ask about getting a particular dash plaque to finish out their collection. Lucky you. Chris Schurrer has scoured the basement of the Region Archives and has come up with some treasures. We are selling them for \$2 each (which is about what we paid).

If you are interested contact me, Pat Markert at 630-852-9893 or email me at aacapat@aol.com. Currently we are offering. . .



1973

This is a really old one. I only have a few and not all of them are in perfect condition. Still this is an oldie and a goodie.



← 1984

1995 →





1999 These will be For Sale at this year's Brighton Run!



2000



2016

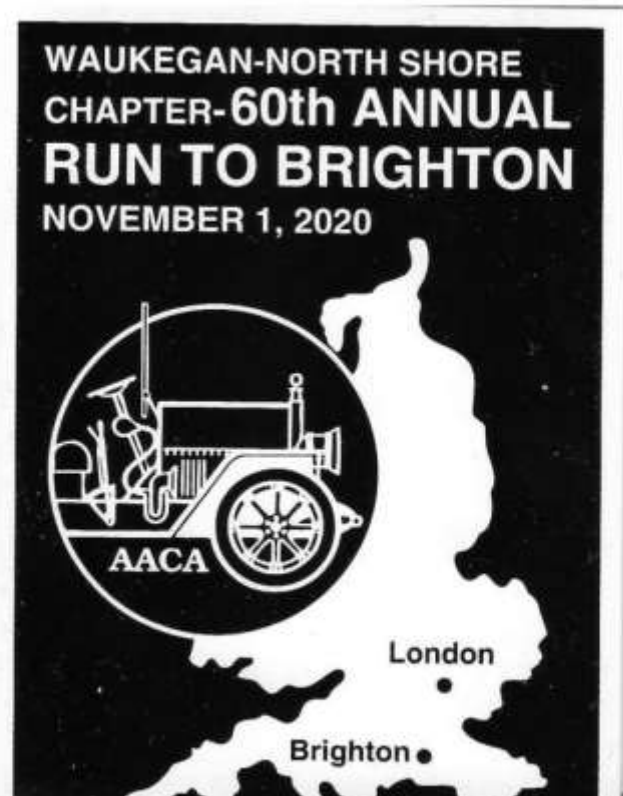


2017

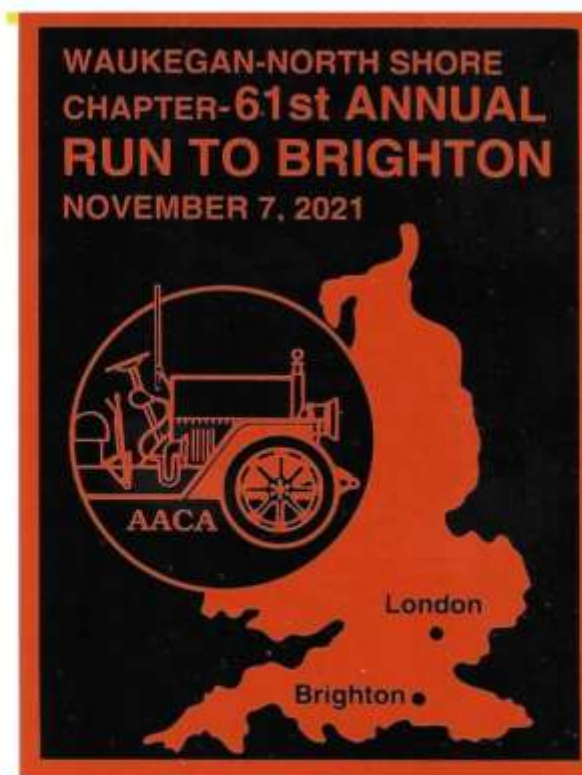


2018

These will be For Sale at this year's Brighton Run!



2020



2021



2022

AACA Region Chapter Event:

Nice Fall Car Event

Written by: Anna Nelson

AACA Waukegan/North Shore car club was invited to participate in the Wildwood Park District, Harvest Fest, Antique Car Show by Harold Flood who is a representative of the Lions Club. Several other car clubs were also asked to come to the event. Over 40 cars and 3 motorcycles participated, September 27, 2025. Hank Hahn, a member from the Lions Club, ran the event for the Wildwood Park District.



AACA Region Chapter Event (Harvest Fest cont...)

Lake County Farm Heritage Association brought several vintage tractors and their barrel ride to the event. Both areas were enjoyed by the guests.



Other events included Bingo, dunk tank, and 27 craft fair booths. Children participated in pumpkin painting, face painting, Henna art, bounce house, petting zoo, and pony rides. Food trucks were on site and a beer tent. The Lion's Club also provided the food booth and a hearing screening truck. Several events from how to train police dogs to several bands entertained the participants. It was a fun time with a lot to do. If you missed this event, put it on your calendar for next year September 26, 2026.



Waukegan~NorthShore Chapter AACAA

Presents our 65th Annual Run to Brighton Sunday, Nov.2nd, 2025

Tired of sitting around car shows? Try something different....



Join us as we travel interesting back roads thru Northern IL and Southern WI to Brighton, WI on our own **Run to Brighton Classic Car Tour** representing the Classic Brighton England car tour in its 129th year, that was first run on Nov. 1896 as a celebration of the recently passed increase of speed limit and elimination of the flag walker ahead of the vehicle. Included is a stop at the Apple Holler Family Farm and Red Barn Country Store in Sturtevant, WI.

Meet at Panera Bread - registration outside at 9:00am or come earlier for breakfast
6440 Grand Ave., Gurnee, IL 60031 Corner of Grand Ave. & Hunt Club Rd.

Large empty Parking lot next door. Come for Breakfast at 8:00

Lunch is on your own

Driver's Meeting 9:30.....First group Departing at 9:45 2nd Group Sharp - 10:00 and
3rd group 10:15

Cost per car for Members of AACAA..... \$15.00

Cost per car for Guests..... \$20.00

Dash Plaques to the first 100 registered vehicle

**Please RSVP with check payable to Waukegan/NorthShore AACAA
per car and registration form by Oct. 24th, 2023**

Harold & Carroll Flood.....847-612-9833, car4464@aol.com

33402 Lone Rock Rd. Wildwood, IL 60030

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

Please enclose check for registration per car payable to **Waukegan/NorthShore AACAA**
and send to: **Harold Flood, 33402 Lone Rock Rd., Wildwood, IL 60030**

Hello Ladies of the AACA Region

It's been a lovely summer and the beginnings of a beautiful fall. Before we all get into the Christmas Rush, let's get together for another Ladies Lunch. Remember, no men, no car talk, just fun girl time!

Friday, November 7th
11:30 am
Granite City Restaurant and Brewery
801 Plaza Drive Schaumburg, Illinois

Please confirm your attendance by Tuesday, Nov. 4th via email to joannflynn28@gmail.com.

And please wear your name tags. It's been awhile since we've all seen each other and we may have some newbies join us. Also, if you know of a potential member who would like to attend, please feel free to invite them.

Looking forward to seeing you all!

Jo Ann Flynn
Waukegan North Shore Chapter
847-636-0501

Waukegan/NorthShore AACA

Invites you to attend our annual

Holiday Party

Sunday, December 7, 2025

12:00 Social & Buffet Luncheon 1:00

With cash bar

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Parkway on the Lake

25212 West Lake Shore Drive, Ingleside, IL 60041

(847)587-7285

Cost: \$25.00 for members & \$30.00 for Guests

Please make check payable to Waukegan/NorthShore Chapter

And mail check with those attending to.....

Harold Flood

33402 Lone Rock Rd.

Wildwood, IL 60030

By Nov. 25th.

847-612-9833 or car4464@aol.com

Reservation Form

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

Number of people attending _____

Please send \$25 per member, & \$30 for each guest \$ _____

Mail by Nov. 25th, 2023

Check payable to Waukegan/NorthShore Chapter

Harold Flood

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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.

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

1914 Ford model T Touring. Strong, dependable runner. Straight body, wheels, top, boot, I timer, no theft steering wheel. Temco shocks, electric starter. Hood, paint and upholstery are tired. \$17,000 or reasonable offer. (847) 251-2603. No texts.