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Happy Holidays





December 7 - Waukegan-North Shore CHRISTMAS PARTY at Parkway on the Lake, Ingleside. See page 19.

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 <u>Click here for hotel reservation</u>

March

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





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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or sooner.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Members,

Hope all our members enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. We all have so very much to be thankful for in our life.

There is still discussion going on about the Illinois Region hosting a National Meet in 2027. At the last board meeting, a committee was established to determine if our region should host a meet. They will do the fact finding and present their findings to the board.

The positive side of hosting the meet is the fact the Illinois Region would hopefully obtain new members to the region: something which we desperately need.

Gaining new members is a consistent problem in not only the car clubs but in other fraternal organizations.

If you have any thoughts about hosting the National meet that you have not relayed to the board, please share them with the board. You can email me at dansobczyk@yahoo.com. Your thoughts and opinions will be kept confidential.

I know we asked your opinion about hosting the meet and we received many comments and recommendations. For that I am truly thankful.

It really is a difficult decision with rather strong feelings among the members both for and against hosting the meet.

Until next month, may you and your family enjoy the beauty of the Christmas season.

Dan

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL Annual Dues

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

For those members who haven't already renewed their membership and paid their 2026 dues. 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 website is <u>not</u> 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.



2026 ILLINOIS REGION RENEWAL FORM

- · Dear Region Members:
- ❖ It is now time to renew your Illinois Region dues. You must be a <u>PAID MEMBER</u> 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.

Please check ONE below: The \$23 annual fee does not apply if you are a region lifetime member.



Since this information is used to compile the *ILLINOIS REGION ROSTER*, please complete this form carefully and accurately.

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Illinois Region Lifetime Membership (Must be National Lifetime Member – Dues for Lifetime membership dues are now \$700.00)		- Reg	ke check payable to the <i>Illinois</i> gion and mail it to: dy Voss
Current paid Illinois Region Lifetime Member?	Yes	245	5 E. Willow Ave., Apt. 518 neaton, IL 60187
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Waukegan-North Shore Chapter	\$8.00	_	
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Dues must be received by DECEMBER Would you like the 2026 Roster sent to y Put a check mark in front of the chapters to	your e-mail address in		
Des Plaines Valley	Silver Springs	_Fox Valley _	Waukegan/NS

PLEASE COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE OF FORM ONLY IF THERE ARE CHANGES!

ANTIQUE VEHICLE INFORMATION

Classic Cars must be 25 or more years old Add Cars Acquired Since Last Year			
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September 2025 minutes

The Meeting was brought to order at 10:35 by Vice-President Rose O'Hallaran

Those present were: President Dan Sobczyk absent (VP O'Hallaran was to in place of President Sobczyk Motion by H. Garcia second by B. Garcia)

VP Rose O'Halloran

Secretary Humberto Garcia Treasurer Bob Wenderski

Also present were: Members Jerry Bodden, Bibiana Garcia, Rick Nelson, Dale Woosley, Rick Shaw, Bob Markert, Andy Voss, Bill Vroman, Dan Haleran

Proxy: Al Matson (Andy Voss), Lee Nelson (Rose O'Hallagran), Chris Schurrer (Pat Markert), Jim Sickora (Bob Markert)

Visitors: Ana Nelson

Approval of the June /14th/2025 Minutes by

Motion to approve Bill Vroman second by Rick Shaw

Treasurer's Report - Bob Wenderski
Removed for safety

Old Business - Pat Markert report that the photo contest received 66 pics were received a panel of judges declaring.

1st Place Barb Hart
2nd Place Bibiana Garcia
3rd Place Tom (Shemerhord) ?

Also New rules would need to be put in place to make the contest fair for every participant.

Pat and Chris will be stepping down and a new Judges will need to step up and or elected.

Jim Sickora (Pat Markert) talk about the Loyal Order of the Lock Washer Award will need to get a cost for the printing of the award.

New Business - A proposal for hosting a national meet of 2026 or 2027 was brought to the table by Fox Valley Region (Humberto Garcia) presented possible events and venue.

A motion to move the idea for next meeting to see if there is enough interest and people to help host a 2027 meet will need to go to national for further information and keep exploratories.

Membership - Andy Voss 140 Memberships. Membership is doing really good. Renewals will be following very soon and will be using the Secretary Members list for dews.

Membership will stay at the same cost for the next calendar year 2026

Publications - Side Lights Laura will stay as the newsletter editor Talks about a Halloween picture event also please send a fall recipe to be added to the side lights.

Legislative - The Nelsons are in Washington.

The Leno's Law was mention. Legislation in California is trying to pass a law that bans cars from certain age not to be able to be used Jay Leno was presented an opposition to the proposal call the Leno's Law More to come in the next few months

Web Site - Is up to date and we will be checking on the QRC

Archivist - Chris has been busy check the October issue of the sidelights old dash plates will be for sale. Chris is collecting tourshirts from previous years the Region will soon have their 80th anniversary this coming January

Swap Meet - no update till January

Car Show - Bob Markert and Jim Sickora are working hard on it considering that this will be the 75th anniversary of this and they are going to make it bigger and better

Activities - Humberto Ask the Locals for their calendar of events to put together a Master Calendar of Regional Events

Fall Tour - Chris Shurrer (Pat Markert) everything is all set to go Banquet will be an a Church please send Chris your registration asap

Spring Tour - will be on the weekend of May 26th and will probably be a redo of the Spring tour of 1971 to park county Indiana

Chapter reports:

Desplaines Valley at Hershey Pa.

Fox Valley Planning an event per month

car show/ monthly meetings/ dust off Tour/

Sunday Brunch / Dinner and a Movie

Silver Springs Picnic

Waukegan Tour of the north suburbs.

Pre War Tour was Canceled Brighton Run November 2nd Christmas party December 7

Public Comments Elections for new board will be approaching soon

need Chapters need to nominate candidates by next board meeting

VPose O'halagran will be the Election Judge.

Next Meeting Saturday November 8th Desplaines Valley will be hosting

Adjourn Motion Humberto Garcia Second VP O'Hallogran

Respectfully Submitted Humberto Garcia Secretary

AACA Region Chapter Event:

Run to Brighton, Ready, Set, Go...

Written by: Anna Nelson

What a trip! Beautiful winding roads, fantastic weather, fall colors streaming through the countryside, and viewing farmers gathering their last crop for the season, on a leisurely ride to Brighton Wisconsin.





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

The work behind the scenes to organize this event for the AACA Illinois Region Waukegan/North Shore Chapter on November 2, 2025, were Bob Wenderski and Harold and Carroll Flood. The route created by Bob Wenderski then road tested by Harold/Carroll Flood with Richard/Anna Nelson and Bob/Renee Grutza.

The adventure started at the Panera Bread in Gurnee. Over 70 cars registered for the event. Mary Ballowe was able to get a group photo before we started the run.



The route this year included a stop at Apple Holler in Wisconsin. A fantastic place to buy apples, pies, jams, cheeses, and many other goodies. Many of our drivers, and their guests, enjoyed the scenery and an opportunity to socialize and shop.





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











Of course, let us not forget about the goats. We love taking selfies with the goats.

Now, it is time to line up for the final route which will lead us to Brighton, after a nice break.





Oh come now! It's not an adventure unless someone's battery was weak and would not start the car. All is well, car started and the route continues though more scenic country and farm land, to the final stop Jeddy's Bar.

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









At Jeddy's Bar, we begin the celebration of the 65th year of completing this event. It's amazing that every year there is a different route to find the same place with different stops on the way. Some purchase their traditional Bloody Mary, others a cocktail or beer. Some pick up a turkey dinner at St Francis Xavier Church next door. Most of all, we enjoy each others company and get a chance to socialize, before we put our treasured vehicle into winter storage.











Hope to see you next year for the 66th Brighton Run!

AACA Regional Event:

Fall Tour Update

by Humberto Garcia

We started 2025 Fall Tour to Champagne Urbana at 3 different stage areas according to logistics. The Tour was planned, coordinated and lead by no one else than the experienced Tour Grand Master Chris Shurrer.

Chris carefully planned a turn by turn, visits, meals, amenities and hospitality room that matched all of the participants expectations. We visited Museums, Private Collections, Mansion visits, Personalities and VIP greeted and treated us like Royalty.

Tour was attended by:

Woosley, Cheryl & Dale

Armatys, Ed & Bev Bodden, Jerry & Joan Doyle, Tim & Jacki Garcia, Humberto & Bibiana / Sobczyk, Dan Gonzalez, Marty & Zoellner - Gonzalez, Jeannie Greenlee, Jim & Shaw, Sue Mandrela, Ed & Sherri Markert, Bob & Pat Mc Donald, Jim & Laura Morris, Bill & Hunter, Wilma Nelson, Lee & Nancy Nelson, Richard & Anna O' Halloran, Rose & Reinhold, Rob Olson, Ed & Kohley, Diann Razumich, Joe Risley, Jenny Rutherford, Dan Schurrer, Christopher Voss, Andy & Jane Vroman, Bill & Joanna













































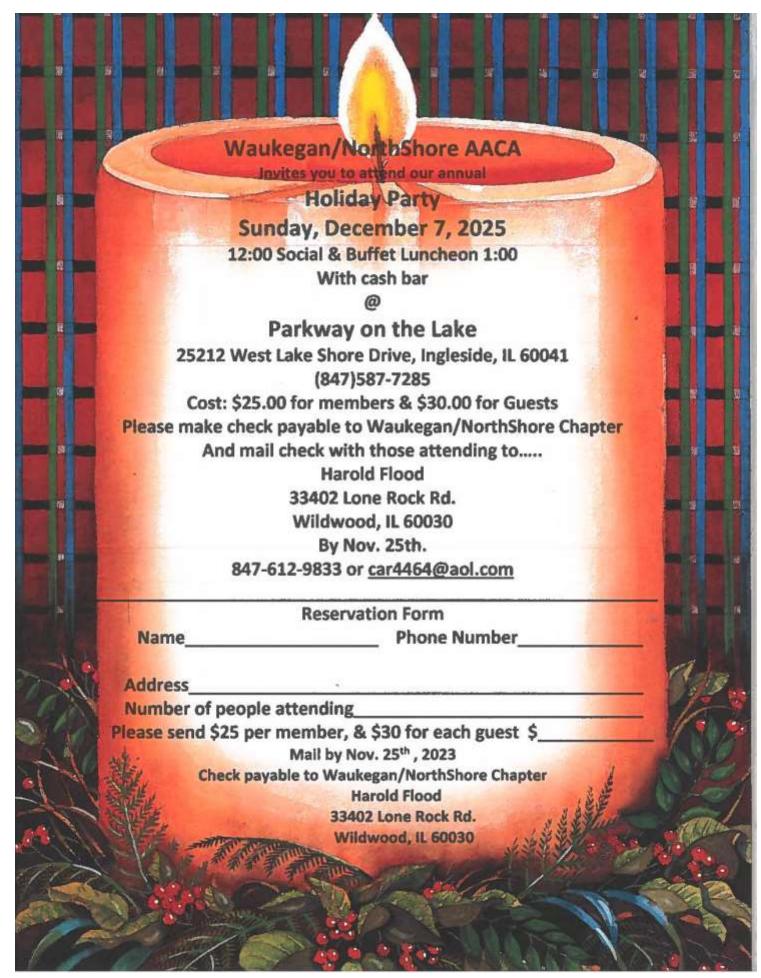












FOR SALE!



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.

For Sale Soft fabric Car Cover - \$20 - Located in Niles, IL. Contact Steve Kolish (847) 848 - 7013