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11-13 – Southeastern Fall Nationals – Oak Ridge, TN – hosted by Volunteer Region

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July

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August

5-8 – [Southeastern Divisional Tour](#) – Flat Rock, NC – hosted by Great Smokey Mountain Region & Little Detroit Chapter

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September

9-14 – [Founders Tour](#) (1932-2001) – Williamsburg, VA – hosted by Historic VA Peninsula Region

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August 9 - Waukegan-North Shore SUMMER PICNIC.

August 30 - Waukegan-North Shore GRAND DOMINION CAR SHOW, Mundelein, IL

Sept 12 -REGION BOARD MEETING

Sept TBD - Illinois Region Fall Tour.

November 1 - Waukegan-North Shore RUN TO Brighton.

Other Events of Interest

May 17th CLCC 4th Annual Charity Car Show - Downtown Crystal Lake, IL. See page 20.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY US ROUTE 66. Slide/Lecture Program presented by Barbara J. Barrett. See page 32.

June 21st GIRCCCA's 58th Annual Father's Day Classic Car Show - Oak Brook Center, Oak Brook, IL. See page 29.



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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Members,

As you recall, last month I requested your input regarding the lack of attendance at the various functions provided to the membership throughout the year. I received several responses.

Along with the responses, I spoke to club members to try and find out why attendance at some of the club functions is so low. One of the comments that struck me was "been there and done that".

I don't know about other members, what we do doesn't really matter to me. Sure, it is fun to go to different places and to see the sights but the main reason I enjoy the tours is to be with the people of the club and to enjoy the camaraderie of the other members. I think it is a wonderful group of people that make up this club.

There were other reasons for the lack of attendance that were mentioned and mostly they related to age. The group as a whole is maturing and along with that comes the aches and pains that weren't as dominant in the past as they are at this point in time. This fact was mentioned several times.

Nighttime driving was also mentioned as a hindrance to attendance. In the Fox Valley Chapter, this issue was brought up concerning our annual Christmas party. A change was made to the time of day the party is held and hopefully this change will increase our attendance at the party.

As always, your comments are always welcomed by the board members. If you have an idea that will spark attendance, let us know. If you have an idea for an event that you think would be fun, let us know.

We would appreciate any input that you care to provide.

We are here for you.

Until next month,

Dan

Region News:

Car Show Thoughts for May!

This month I would like to talk about a problem that has been discussed and debated by our board members. This topic is the lack of participation across all events. In this context I would like to talk about it in relation to the region car show. While participation in general by members of our car club to volunteer has been good, the number of members' cars that are brought for judging and/or display has been low.

I would like to present some of my thoughts on what might be contributing to this low-member car count. One primary reason is the average age of our members is quite high, which makes it more difficult to prepare the cars for display. Another reason may be that members may be intimidated by professionally restored vehicles if they have restored their vehicle themselves or frequently drive their vehicle instead of trailering them.

Since this is our 75th anniversary and our feature car is member vehicles, all vehicles 25 years and older are welcome to come either for judging or display regardless of fit and finish. My personal experience from attending many area car shows is that community members are always so excited to see unique, rare, or seldom seen vehicles even though they are not museum quality. These are the vehicles that tend to get the most attention, the diamonds in the "rough."

Please consider bringing your vehicle to our show on July 19, 2026, at Carpenter's Park in Carpentersville Illinois.

James Sikora

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80 YEARS ago, a group of antique car lovers got together and formed the Illinois Region. Guess what was one of the first events they planned?

Go ahead, guess.

A car show.

They planned, organized and held the very first Illinois Region car show.

A car show. . . so all the members could bring their favorite "toy" and show it off.

A car show. . . so that the members could admire each other's wheels.

A car show. . .so they could swap stories about how they acquired their car and what they did to it.

A car show.

So, now, 75 years after the first car show, guess what we are doing?

Go ahead, guess.

WE ARE HAVING A CAR SHOW!!!

We are having a car show so that our members can bring their favorite set of wheels and show it off. YOU are the feature this year. Members cars. We want to celebrate 75 years in this special way. We want to feature our members and their cars.

I have 2 questions for you:

1. Will you bring your car to the show on July 19? Can we count on you?
2. Would you be able to help us out? We need members to help us out, setting up and day of. Can we count on you?

This is our 75th show. Come and participate. Contact Jim Sikora at 708-691-9854 or at jamessikora@att.net or simply reply to me Pat Markert and let me know what you think at crochetisg8@gmail.com



Save the Date

AACA Central Fall Nationals

August 25-29, 2027



The contract with Holiday Inn Crystal Lake, in Crystal Lake Illinois was signed March 31, 2026.

It is official, the deposit has been paid to secure the Central Fall Nationals. Now it is a reality and moving forward!!!

The committee has been established: Rose O'Halloran, Andy Ibata, Bill Vroman, Beverly and Edwin Armatys, Len Woelfel, Jerry and Joan Boddin, Dan Sobczyk, Richard and Anna Nelson, and Humberto and Bibi Garcia.

We are excited to share, the car show, awards, and banquet, will be on the hotel grounds. Italian Festa dinner event will be at the hotel. This is great that we were able to keep many activities at one central location!

Humberto Garcia, Richard Nelson, and Anna Nelson

AACA Chapter Region Events:

“ That was Fun ”

Waukegan/North Shore Chapter Ladies Lunch
Thursday April 2, 2026 at McAlister's Deli in Gurnee
With Hostesses Jenny Risley and Jo Ann Flynn

To start with, Mother Nature was not very helpful - there were some very heavy rains and strong storms in the greater Chicago area to put just a little bit of a damper (pun intended) on our special "Show & Tell" Ladies Lunch. As the gals arrived they put their item(s) out on display and then proceeded to order lunch at the counter. The food arrived and we got into eating, talking and an occasional quiet moment. McAlister's Deli was the perfect place with a separate room for us to enjoy our meal and do our "Show & Tell".

Mary Wisniewski
Jenny Passalacqua
Peggy Schemenauer
Anna Nelson
Carroll Flood
Renee Grutza,
Lizzy Helgren
Jo Ann Flynn
Sue Shaw
Terry Thomas
Mary O'Dowd Otto
Jenny Risley
(photographer)



AACA Region Chapter Events: (WNS Ladies Luncheon cont...)

After welcoming the ladies to the luncheon the fun started. There were so many interesting items and so much information put forth it is going to be hard to describe what we actually experienced.



Jo Ann with her "Crystal" collection. She described some of the different "stones" and that some of them having special "properties" for healing or soothing.



Anna showed us her album of 5 x 7 pictures taken on the many travels that she and Rich had taken. You just gotta love those Penguins. Renee said that she enjoys reading Romance and Mystery books.



The Quilters in the club - Lizzy and Terry showed us some of their handiwork. Carroll and Peggy talked about quilts that they had made which were too large to bring for show.



ACA Region Chapter Events: (WNS Ladies Luncheon cont...)



Jenny P. showed us examples of her drawings, doodling and sketches. Talked extensively on digital art. She allowed us to have some of her postcard size creations.



Mary O. talked about the etching on the drinking glass she is holding. Using resources at the library she was able to take a Hudson (car) emblem and apply it to the glass.



Sue brought a floral creation using a tin can "container" that she made at a Grayslake Garden Club function.



Do you remember Cook Books published by local churches? Mary W. showed us a couple and talk around the table expressed how simple and basic recipes used to be.



Lastly - Jenny R. brought one of her many Statue of Liberty statues, which is actually a lamp. Additional items in the collection reflect what you would find in a souvenir gift shop.

As you can see, it was a Fun afternoon and it continued on for about an hour more after some of the gals had left. We learned a lot about the ladies of the club and I am sure our conversations will be different as we attend meetings and tours. I am really happy that my idea of "Show & Tell" turned out to be so interesting and informative.

Thank you ladies. " That was Fun ". Let's do it again.

Jenny Risley

AACA Chapter Region Events:

Trivia Night with the Waukegan/North Shore Chapter

by Jo Ann Flynn, Trivia Master

Do you know who the shortest-serving US President was?
Or what department store chain marketed its own car in 1952 and 1953?
Or who wrote “fish and visitors smell in 3 days”?



Well, some very smart members of the Waukegan/North Shore Chapter knew those answers and many more! Nine teams played Trivia after our regular business meeting on Friday, April 10th. It was a close competition with the winning team scoring that one extra point to take home the prize of free entries to the Brighton Run. Congratulations to the winning team of Tom Schemenauer and Harold Flood who named themselves the “Don’t Know Sh*t” team. That was obviously a ruse to throw off the competition. They scored 16 out of a possible 25 points and clearly know a lot about a lot. Tom was a high scoring player in our first Trivia Night. The “Dynamic Duo” of Gerry Mears and Ed Flynn scored a close 2nd with 15 points. Gerry was on the winning team at our first Trivia Night. Our chapter members are smart!

Karen Mears continued her role as scorekeeper and Judge. She was always fair but sometimes had to be tough as in the case of this question: What special training was required of the first airline stewardesses hired by United Airlines in 1930? The answer was “they had to be registered nurses”. Medical training was close but not considered the correct answer.

I think everyone knew that a cowboy has to hang on for 8 seconds in a rodeo bull-riding competition, but only one team knew that the first hockey puck was made from frozen cow dung!

How would you have done on Trivia Night?

The answers to the first 3 questions were William Henry Harrison, Sears Roebuck and Co. and Benjamin Franklin.

AACA Chapter Region Events:

Fox Valley Breakfast Buffet a Delicious Success

By Pat Markert



The Foxy ladies and gents of the Fox Valley Chapter got together on April 26 to celebrate Spring. They gathered at the Sunrise Social Restaurant at 2561 County Line Road in Algonquin for a wonderful breakfast buffet. Everyone's favorite was the cinnamon roll casserole, but the French toast and scrambled eggs were also a big hit. Accompanied by crispy bacon, delightful little sausages and a lovely potato dish, everyone ate their fill.

Since the chapter has been struggling to get members to attend events, the executive board of the chapter, in a surprise move, decided to pay the entire cost of the breakfast for everyone as a thank you for showing up.

It made a great breakfast even greater.



L to R: Bob Markert, Bibi Garcia, Joanna and Bill Vroman, Humberto hiding behind Bill, Dan Sobczyk, Reuben Taylor, Ed and Debby Leed



L to R: Ed and Debby Leed, Dale and Cheryl Woosley

Covered Bridges of Billie Creek Village Parke County, Indiana

One of the stops on the AACA 2026 Spring Tour will be at the Billie Creek Village, home to over 30 preserved historic buildings and 3 covered bridges. The recreated turn-of-the-century village opened in 1969 with ten authentic historical buildings on the site of the Billie Creek Covered Bridge over the William Creek. Thus the bridge and village took its name from that nearby creek, William -> Billy -> Billie. Over the years more buildings and two covered bridges were added to the site.

Billie Creek Covered Bridge

This present bridge replaced an earlier one constructed by J.A. Britton in 1880. That bridge was thought to have been open which deteriorated rapidly because of lack of covering. In 1895 a covered bridge was built by J.J. Daniels with J.L. Van Fossen constructing the sandstone abutments. With the rerouting of US 36 the bridge was saved and the Billie Creek Village was established.



BILLIE CREEK COVERED BRIDGE

(14-61-19, BH 16801)

Rockville, IN

Parke County

Williams Creek

built 1895

Burr Arch Truss

78' x 15' x 12.6' 1sp

Builder - Joseph J. Daniels

Vehicle



Beeson Covered Bridge

Built in 1906 by the Frankfort Construction Company of Marshall, Indiana it was named for the adjacent landowner William H. Beeson. The bridge originally crossed Roaring Creek, one mile northwest of Marshall, IN on County Road 216. The bridge was closed in 1969 due to the abutments declared unsafe. Over the next decade storms, flooding and two arson attempts cause more deterioration resulting in the decision to dismantle and move the bridge to Billie Creek Village in 1979.



BEESON COVERED BRIDGE

(14-61-24, BH 38483)

Rockville, IN

Parke County

Williams Creek

built 1904

Burr Arch Truss

55' x 16' x 13' 1sp

Builder - Frankfort
Construction Co

Pedestrian



Leatherwood Station Bridge

Built in 1899, the bridge was named for the town located northwest on Leatherwood Creek and the station of the B & O Railroad. Harry Wolf owned the land near the bridge, many called it the "Harry Wolf Bridge". Although the bridge was built by J.A. Britton the portal was modified into a J.J. Daniels Arch, while the framing for an angular Britton portal can be seen from the inside. The bridge closed in 1979 after an inspection found the abutments were disintegrating and with flooding at the time declared it unsafe. The bridge was moved to Billie Creek Village in 1981.



LEATHERWOOD STATION COVERED BRIDGE
(14-61-25, BH 43506)

Rockville, IN
Parke County
Williams Creek
built 1899
Burr Arch Truss

72' x 16' x 14.3' 1sp
Builder - Joseph A. Britton

Pedestrian



Your Billie Creek Village Visit

The village is a 70 acre open-air living history museum and park. There are many historical buildings to explore plus a General Store to shop. There is an Amtgard LARP event being held that weekend on the grounds. Another words a ' Live Action Role Playing Medieval/Fantasy Combat "Re-enactment" ' with authentic clothing and "weaponry". Which means the area could be full of activity.

The covered bridges are in three separate locations—

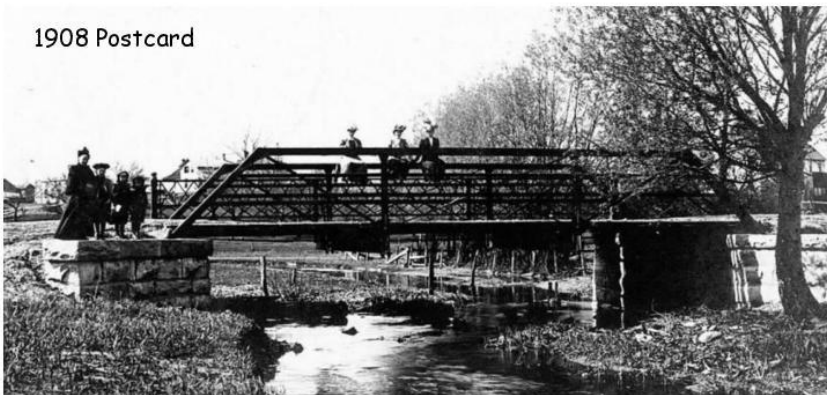
- **Billie Creek** bridge can actually be driven through and takes you into the parking area to the south and the Village is located to the north. There is parking outside of this "entrance" too.
- **Beeson** bridge is located north of the village and is walkable. Another "entrance" into the village.
- **Leatherwood Station** bridge is located in the far southern part of the complex, just beyond the parking and maybe where the event will be happening. It would be quite a hike if unable to drive back there. When Tom and I were there on a tour we had gotten special permission to drive down there to view the bridge.

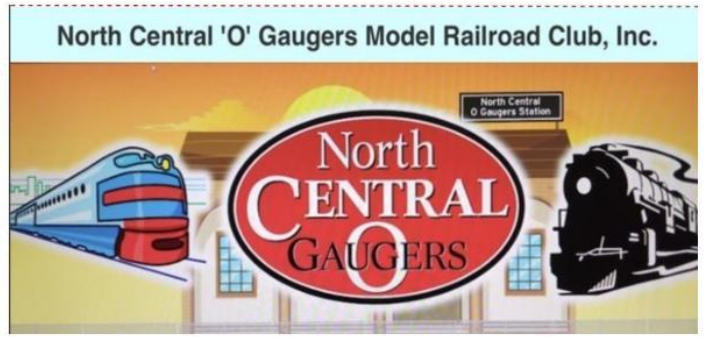
I hope you enjoyed the Covered Bridge articles which hopefully have informed and educated you to better understand what you see when visiting the covered bridges on the Spring Tour. See you in Indiana.

Jenny Risley

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One last tidbit, some history on the Long Grove "Covered" Bridge, which is actually a bridge that is covered and not a true covered bridge. The original bridge is a metal half-hip Pony Truss built in 1906. The wooden roof and substructure was added in 1972 after it was decided by the local "government" to turn it into a covered bridge to try to increase tourism to Long Grove. Well I think it had worked to bring people, but it also seems to attract vehicles too large to drive through it too.

1908 Postcard





# WAUKEGAN/NORTH SHORE CHAPTER



Presents The Dust Off Tour  
 Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am  
 Tour leaves at 9:30

From McDonalds 1804 E. Belvidere (Rts. 120 & 45)  
 Grayslake, IL 60030

Come join our first tour of the 2026 season. We will be driving though the back roads and some not so back roads of Lake County. This year's tour will be a Rail Road theme. We will have 2 stops. The highlight of the tour will be visiting a Model Rail Road Club. We will be seeing touches of rail history in Lake Co. and from there we will visit the North Central Model Train club layout. We will then have delivered Pizza Lunch catered at Tight Head Brewery.

Send in \$10 per person for lunch at Tight Head Brewery.

Please RSVP with check made out to Waukegan/NorthShore AACA and registration form by April 27th. Or call 847-612-9833. Reservations are a must on this tour.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

\$10.00 PER Person for lunch and # attending \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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



Cruise on over to the  
**The Gent's Lunch**  
Thursday, May 14th @ Noon

So come on over and have a good time with  
"The Guys" and bring a friend.

Emmett's Brewery  
128 W. Main St.  
West Dundee, IL. 60118

Please R.S.V.P. to Humberto Garcia  
847-800-5124 and let him know if you will  
be attending.

# Fox Valley Dust of Tour

Saturday, May 16th

Tour will start at 9:00 am at:

**St. Charles Motorcycle and Art Museum**  
[stcmotorcyclemuseum.org](http://stcmotorcyclemuseum.org)



1317 E. Mains St  
St. Charles IL., 60174

*Coffee and donuts will be available*

From there we will be touring through the western suburbs to the

**The Beller Museum**  
<http://www.bellermuseum.com>



275 Rocbarr Dr.  
Romeoville Il., 60446

And then onto lunch at

**Doc Watsons Smoke House**  
<http://www.docwatsonssmokehouse.com>



444 N. Weber Rd.  
Romeoville Il., 60448

**Please RSVP to Pat Markert if you will be attending at**  
[crochetisg8@gmail.com](mailto:crochetisg8@gmail.com).



# CLCC in Historic Downtown Crystal Lake

# 4th Annual CHARITY CAR SHOW SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY MAY 17th

2026

(Sunday May 31 Rain Date)

10am to 2pm Historic Downtown Crystal Lake

All proceeds are processed by  
Downtown Crystal Lake/Main Street  
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Come join CLCC in Historic Downtown Crystal Lake for a fun filled day celebrating cars and giving back to the community! All proceeds will be given to the Crystal Lake Food Pantry.



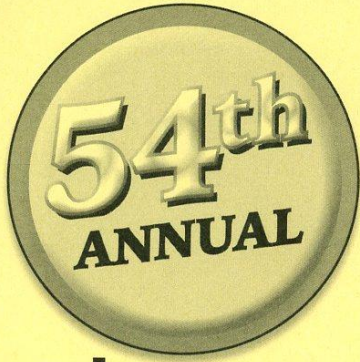
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Preregistration Required For All Show Vehicles\*

Register your car on CLCC's website:  
[www.crystallakecarshow.com](http://www.crystallakecarshow.com)

\$30 Registration Fee - Limited Parking for 250+  
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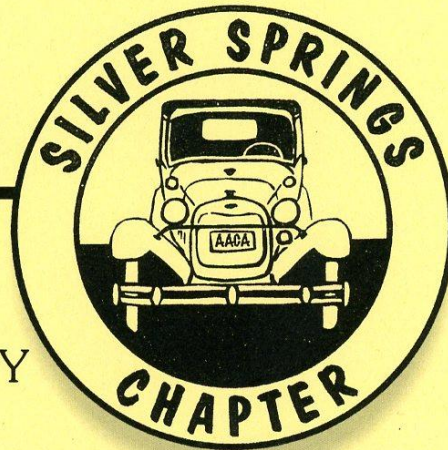
# AUTO SHOW

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1401 Suydam Road  
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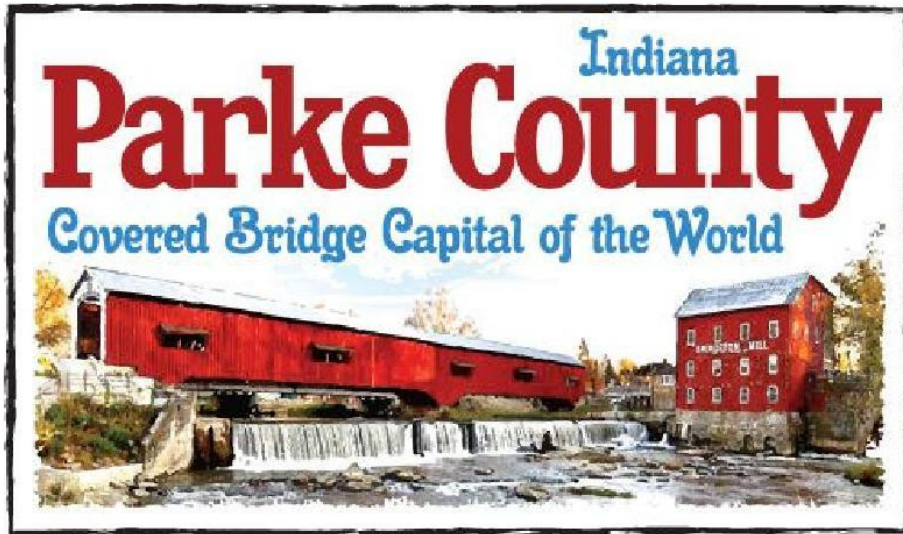
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## JOIN US MAY 28 – 31, 2026 AS WE VISIT THE BRIDGES OF PARKE COUNTY

The Waukegan – North Shore Chapter cordially invites you to the 2026 ILL Region Spring Tour. This year we set our sites in Crawfordsville, Indiana and the Turkey Run State Park / Parke County area. The area features wonderful stretches of quiet driving with picturesque scenery, both natural, and man made with a large number of covered bridges in the area.

Our host hotel will greet you each night after our travels into the area. It is the **Comfort Inn**, located at **2991 Gandhi Dr., Crawfordsville, IND 47933**. The rate for our group stay is \$118.00 / night plus taxes and fees. Rooms are available now, so feel free to **call in at (765) 361 – 0665**, and booking under the “Vintage Car Tour” group (group code **ZO09T6**), or use the following link : <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/ZO09T6> . The prices are locked in until **April 28, 2026**; but please book early to ensure you have your room set.

Come on down to Turkey Run and relax where time moves leisurely! We will see you there!





Founded in 1824 this town has grown with the country. From a community of 500 to now 2,510, it still holds onto its roots and beautiful history, with not only their covered bridges but also in beautiful architecture from the same humble beginnings.

When entering this fine town you will see one of these great buildings. Right in the middle of the town standing proud is the Parke County Courthouse. This building was the 3rd courthouse born in the town and stands where the old ones were. Inheriting their place and legacy in 1882 and is still a grand staple of the town and fellow buildings.

With the courthouse watching over Rockville, the center of town is always bustling with locals and visitors. With wonderful shops, food, and sights to see.



If you're looking for more of a vintage shopping trip, don't worry. Downtown also has some wonderful antique shops to explore.



The G&M Variety

One shop was once known as G. C. Murphy when Rockville was younger. The store still holds onto its heritage with its original tile work upon entering. The roots are also remembered by the new owners, Gary and Mary Nicola. These two may have changed the name, but they kept its history alive.

The G&M Variety still shows its old dime store look. When walking in you will find lots of fun shopping options. From classic candies, fun decor and toys, crafts to tools, and even stuff for our furry family members. A must see to visit and look around.



Next on the list make sure to check out Rockville Retro. This shop also holds homemade items and antiques. But you will also find clothing and art. You won't be able to miss it with its fun colorful building. Brightening your day and asking you to stop in.



Another treasure hunting store would be Neva's Antiques & Collectibles. This store not only houses antiques but craftable goods. Great for treasure hunting, or finding that homemade item to make you smile.



Our final store has more than just antiques. Cora's place is a thrift store with one foot into antiques. Along with vintage items, you will find clothing, art, decor, home goods and so much more. You can't miss this shop either. Although it may not have vibrant colors. This multi wood paneling will catch your eye as well. Make sure to stop in to see the varieties of goodies they have.



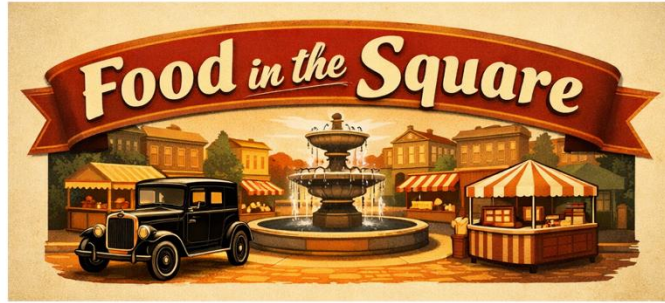
Aunt Patty's on the square may seem small on the outside, but beyond its main area, it has multiple rooms. Unlike most antique shops, this one is known to have fossils and rocks from time to time. Having multiple rooms makes it feel like a search for a piece of treasure.



Vintage Relics Antiques, another shop in the middle of town is known for having unique pieces. From old nicknacks, to vintage furniture. It likes to keep fun and unique items. You will find the normal antique items, but you may find old wooden washing machines, vintage scales, and cabinets here. Just remember if you want one of their big items make sure your trunk or trailer have room.



For more of a cottage feeling while shopping, make sure to stop at Bloomfield's. This shop displays its items in a cottage setting. This shop is perfect for finding that one item to make a room homey.



**Golden Forrest**

Looking for a quick stop to snag some Sweets and Coffee Golden Forest has some. Not only do they have good food, they also have things to make your body feel good too. Make sure to check out their chemical free wellness soaps, lotions, and other products.



**The 1880 Mustard Seed**

For a quick coffee or a nice lunch stop of This place has a quaint comfy vibe.



**Aaron's on the Square**

Aaron's seems small outside, but the selections they have Will make sure you have a full tank. This place has everything from, soups, sandwiches, pizza, salads, and so much more.



**Thirty Six Saloon & Thirty Six Saloon Grill - Hog Pit**

This place is so popular is has to have two different eating areas and restaurants. Looking for that good old bar and Grill the 36 saloon has the menu for you, but if your wanting pulled pork, skewers, Hog wings, Bricket, and that Biker Vibe 36 Saloon Grill, or as the sign says Hog Pit, will pull up a chair for you.



**Drunk Tank Winery - Old Jail Inn Parke County**

Looking for some wine tasting with some fun? Come check out this hidden gem. When enjoying the wine, you will be blown away but the thousands of signatures and messages left from visitors, and fun decorations and memorabilia. (Note: the bar is in basement stairs only)



**Bloom & Birdie Coffeehouse**  
 For a quick drink and snack, the Bloom & Birdie not only has good hot coffee, but is also home to fun cool coffee with fun flavors and sometimes theme drinks. Make sure to go in and see if they have anything whimsical and tasty for you.

**Mario Brothers Mexican Restaurant**  
 After all the wine, pizza, coffee, and burgers you maybe want a change? How about burritos, tacos, margaritas, and Churros. The Mario Brothers are not too far, and have a nice variety of authentic Mexican cuisine. So head on over and pass the nachos..



**Benjamin's Family Restaurant Rockville**

Looking for that old school family dinner feel, Benjamin's Family will gladly invite you over. With good home soul foods like mac and cheese and patty melts, Pancakes, eggs, and bacon, or steaks and pastas. Your tummy will be growing for some of these dishes.



**The Phoenix Orient Restaurant**

If your a coffee person and are wanting more places to find it, here is another one to add to the cupholder list. Unlike our last shop, this place feels like you're visiting a good friend's house. I mean that literally, with the baked goods and comfy couches you will wish you brought a good book with you.



For this place you may want to visit before all the others. Known for its great food, it's a must to stop by if you're a chinese food fan. But be warned, this place is only open on certain days M-Thu. So make sure to call and see if they are open before stopping by.





## Historical Sites



### Bridgeton Mill

The Bridgeton mill has seen many changes over the years. Once it was a saw mill, then rigged to grain grinding, only to suffer a fire in 1869. The mill was rebuilt and 10yrs later got an upgrade to a roller milling process. It rolled its way into 1951, until trouble, again, exploded into its history, literally. The issue was due to a Dust Explosion. Which also caused an issue with the water power system, putting an end to this mill's flour making days. Thankfully the mill was given life again with a new upgrade. Although it was milling again, it was for feed only.

In 1970 the mill would get one more upgrade, but would be going old school. It would receive 2 new . . . I mean old, grinding stones. 200 yrs old and 2,000 lb heavy. These things will make our classic cars feel like teenagers again. So remind them chrome beauties that they can do better than some rolling stones.

Today these stones are still milling and working their hardest to bring products to the country. In fact you can take some home with you. From batter, cornbread, pancake mix, and more, you can take some history home.



Before heading back into town feel free to stop in to the Britton Winery. It's just 5 mins from this Mill, with beer and wine, take a break before we go to our next spot.



### Parke County Historical Society

Welcome to the Museum. As you may have noticed with Rockville they take history seriously and this is the building that holds the historical society as well as the museum. This building alone has had many stories waiting for anyone to stop by and visit. So make sure to stop by its only open seasonally and Wed - Sat.



The Ritz Theater in downtown Rockville was once known as the Rockville Opera house. But with the upcoming world of motion pictures it received its first installation in 1929. Featuring the silent Pollyanna starring Mary Pickford.

For many years it would receive many visitors until 1969 when it was purchased by the Parke County Chambers of Commerce. Although it was purchased in 1975 and remodeling began, it would not receive a 70's vibe.

In fact the remodel would return the Ritz to its 1890's glory. For the next 23 years the Ritz would be taken care of by the PCCC, until they sold it to the Parke Players. This non-profit group keeps the Ritz alive and running with fun movies and live shows.

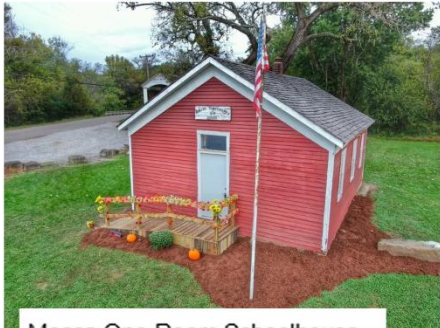
Make sure to stop by step back in time or to see what's playing.



Wanting more to explore?!  
Well here are some random goodies in the area for you to check out. From wildlife to amish shopping, and more I hope you enjoy your adventure.



Indiana State Sanitorium  
(not open, but an interesting drive past)



Mecca One-Room Schoolhouse



Rockville Square Mural

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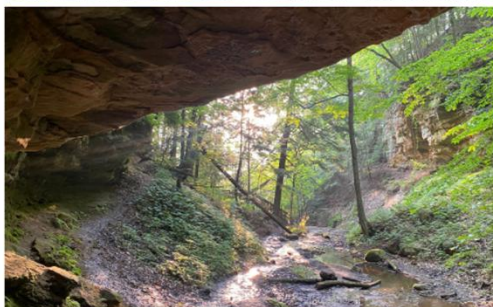
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# Spring Tour Workshop - Create Your Own Tour Clipboard

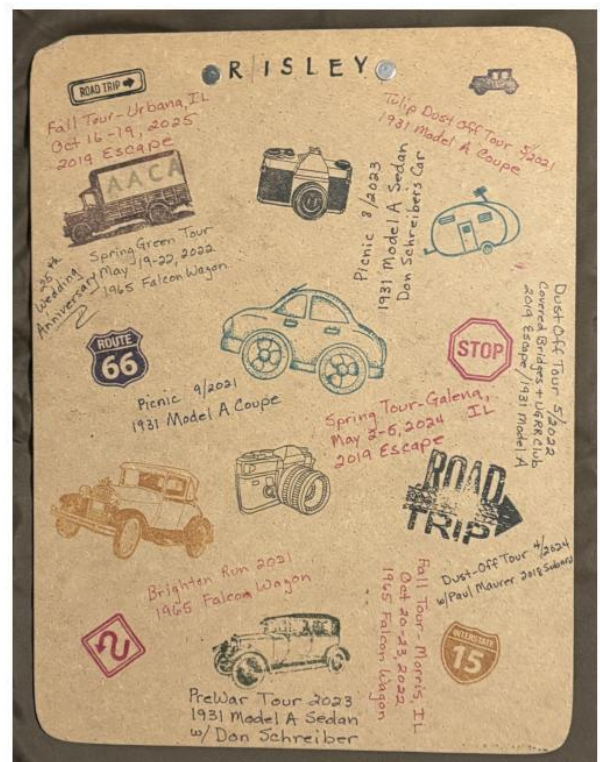
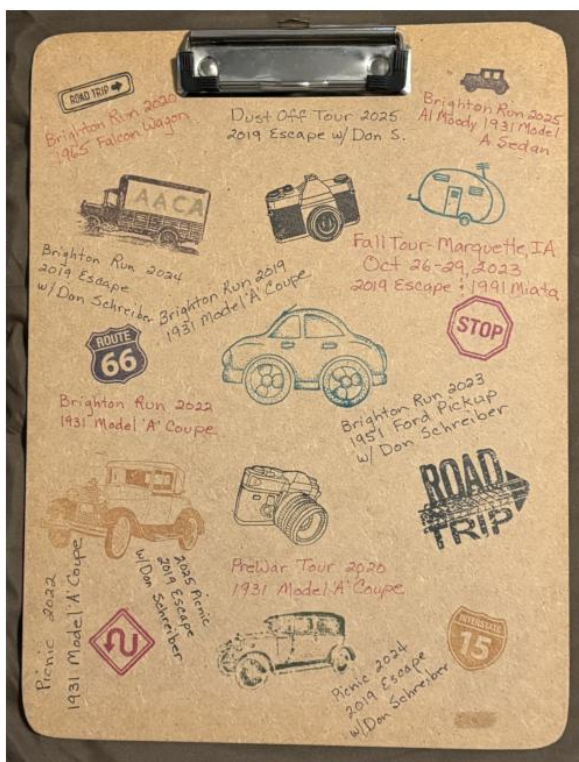
Hi Ladies of the Illinois Region,

I have an idea for a project that we could work on while on the Spring Tour in Indiana this year. When "navigating" for Tom on tours I always liked to use a clipboard for holding the tour sheets. About 7 years ago I decided to create a dedicated one for touring by using my car and travel rubber stamps on a clipboard. The light brown colored boards gave me the perfect canvas to do that. Special ink was used that is permanent, dries quickly and works well on smooth surfaces. I decided to have space between the cars and signage so that I could write the tour, date and car of when I used the clipboard, giving me a visual memory of the fun of touring with the old cars. You would be free to do whatever you want - fill in all of the space or just have a few stamps.

The plan is that for Thursday and Friday evening to set up stamping stations in the hospitality room where you can create you own Touring Clipboard. I have clipboards, many rubber/clear stamps and the special inks. If you have your own car, travel or other stamps that you would want to use please bring them. It will be on a first come first served basis if more that 12 ladies sign up. Please indicate on the Spring Tour Registration form if you would want to partake in the workshop. There will be a small fee to cover the cost of the clipboard and ink which can be paid at the workshop.

Come join in the fun,

Jenny Risley



**58<sup>th</sup> Annual Father's Day Car Show**  
**Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026**  
**Oak Brook Center**  
**10:00am - 6:00pm**



Come spend Father's Day at the 58th Annual Father's Day Car Show at Oakbrook Center Mall located at 100 Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook, IL. 60523

View a curated show spanning 100 years of automotive history featuring some of the rarest and most special cars in the world.

Enjoy music by the Revolution Big Band Orchestra 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

The show is by the Greater Illinois Region of the Classic Car Club of America, For information Contact Russ Rodriguez at [russarod@gmail.com](mailto:russarod@gmail.com)



**The Illinois Region  
of the Antique Automobile Club of America**

# **75th Annual Car Show**

**July 19, 2026 \* Carpenters Park  
300 Carpenter Blvd. Carpentersville**

**JUDGED CARS: Must be 25 years or older (2001)  
DISPLAY ONLY: cars through 2023 and slightly modified  
are welcome**

**Open 9 am to 2 pm**

**Awards given out at 1 pm.**

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Questions? Contact  
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# 75th ILLINOIS REGION AUTO SHOW MEMBERS

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Judging starts at 10:30 am.  
 Cars must be registered and parked in their **correct** class prior to that time.  
 Slightly modified, customized, concept and newer cars are FOR DISPLAY ONLY.

## Advance Registration Form

Advance Registration Deadline: **July 14, 2026**

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 (2001) 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 _____ |
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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: \_\_\_\_\_



**Route 66 100th Anniversary  
1926 - 2026**

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2026 - HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY US ROUTE  
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*Barbara J. Barrett, MPA, CAE, an History Edutainment (Educational Entertainment) Speaker who makes automotive, architectural, manufacturing, music, and world history “come alive” in a fascinating and entertaining way. She has presented programs for C-SPAN American History TV, the Studebaker National Museum, the Gilmore Car Museum, community colleges, church groups, private clubs, public libraries, & senior living communities to name a few. She holds a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree from the University of Illinois and a Master in Public Administration (MPA) degree from Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL.*

*Program Description:*

**Happy 100th Birthday US Route 66** – Join Barbara J. Barrett and “Get Your Kicks on Route 66” as she celebrates the attractions and allure of the “Main Street of America” from its controversial birth in 1926 to its centennial this year, 2026. Beginning in Chicago, *the official start of “The Mother Road,”* you will discover how and why Route 66 was established while exploring the roadside culture & appeal of this open road. You’ll visit vintage motels such as the Blue Swallow in Tucumcari, NM and the Wigwam in Holbrook, AZ; gawk at odd roadside attractions like the Gemini Giant in Wilmington, IL, the Big Blue Whale of Catoosa, OK, and the Cadillac Ranch in Amarillo, TX; and savor classic American road food served at family owned restaurants like the White Fence Farm in Romeoville, IL, the Cozy Dog Drive-In in Springfield, IL, or the Big Texan Steak Ranch in Amarillo, TX along the more than 2,400 miles of Route 66 before reaching the Santa Monica Pier – the terminus or “End of the Trail.”

May 9, 2026                      Wilmington  
Pub Library  
Wilmington, IL 1:00 PM

May 13, 2026                      Geneva  
Pub Lib Dist.                      Geneva, IL  
1:30 PM

June 18, 2026  
Crestwood Pub Lib Dist.  
Crestwood, IL 6:00 PM

July 8, 2026  
Downers Grove Pub Lib  
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July 18, 2026  
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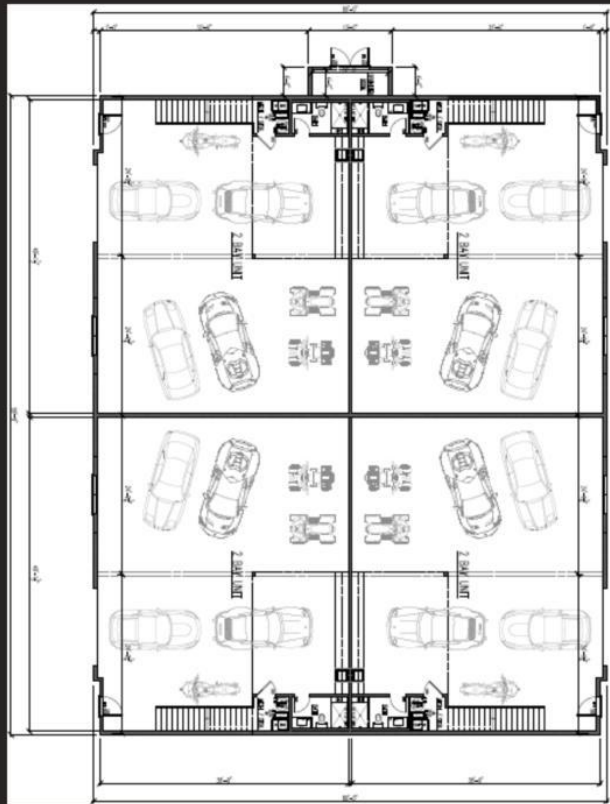
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