

This May 28 – 31, 2026

**The Waukegan – North Shore
Chapter A. A. C. A. invites you
to the:
in Crawfordsville, Indiana**



We are happy to invite you to a quiet part of Indiana, where the clock ticks slower and where history is within arm's reach. We invite you to Parke and Montgomery Counties, the covered bridge capital of the world! Join us as we travel the countryside on an expedition to discover many of these bridges, the leisurely countryside, as well as the communities which surround them.

On **Thursday May 28th**, we kick off **departing from the McDonald's at 7215 W. Lincoln Highway in Frankfort, ILL** [U. S. Rt. 30 & Harlem Av. (ILL Rt. 43), just west of I – 57] where we will **meet at 9:00 A.M.** with a **Driver's Meeting at 10:00 A.M.** Our first stop is the **International Brotherhood of Electric Workers Local 9 Training Center** where we will get a tour of the facility and the training yard outside, learning what it takes to keep railroad and traffic lights & signals and the like. This is an extra special visit, learning what keeps us all moving day and night from those who keep them running. From there, we travel into the Hoosier State to travel the old alignments of U. S. Rt. 41, turning 100 years old this year, for **lunch at a country bar & grill** which has welcomed travelers along the highway since the early days. The highway has since moved, making this a truly hidden gem. Once you are truly lost you are almost there. From there it's over to **the tallest waterfall in Indiana** for a quick visit. Then it's off to another business which thrived on the then young U. S. Rt. 41, **a fine chocolatier** which was founded within the first 10 years of the highway's opening. It has the distinction of having its product enjoyed locally, nationally, internationally, and at the Mir Space Station. After all this fun it's on to the hotel to rest up for the main event.

On **Friday** we leave our base camp in search of the elusive covered bridges. We are confident there will be a good collection found before our **midday stop in Rockville** for a **chicken lunch buffet**. We keep our exploring nature going by exploring the town for **its historic downtown, many shopping opportunities**, and the like. From there, we travel over to historic Billie Creek Village to see some of the buildings from the early times of the area (and of course more bridges). For those interested in a much earlier time, there will be live action role playing event from the Medieval period happening as well.

During the **evening**, Jenny Risley will be hosting a workshop on **creating your own decorative clipboard** to have along on this year's tour and all the tours to come!

On **Saturday** we are back into the wilderness to follow the herd of covered bridges in a new area. After another day of successful bridge finding, we will visit the **historic Bridgeton Mill**, operating every year since 1823 and one the most photographed views of the area. From there we will travel to the **Britton Winery**, the owner of which is the great-great grandson of one of the builders of these bridges.

But make sure to come back for our **banquet** : A **country BBQ** meal with the fixin's held at the ol' depot.

As we depart for home on **Sunday**, we have **lunch** at the historic **100 Mile House**. This roadhouse, almost 100 years old dates from the first year of another highway's founding, U. S. Rt. 52, named for being 100 miles from Chicago and 100 miles from Indianapolis. From there we will travel to see if our expedition skills are still honed by visiting a **viewing area of a bison range** for a short visit. Then off to the **Shrine of Christ's Passion** (the one all the billboards on I – 80 advertise) in St. John. Lastly, we will end the evening for dinner at the **Blue Top Drive – In** in **Highland** visiting their **cruise night** which will host a live band.

From there it's just a hop on I – 80, skip over the state line and a jump over to your home city!

Please RSVP by May 23, 2026 by filling out the next page and sending it with payment.

Questions? Contact Christopher Schurer at (815) 382 – 0238

2026 Turkey Run Covered Bridge Tour Registration Form

Host Hotel : Comfort Inn, 2991 Gandhi Dr., Crawfordsville, IND 47933. **TRAILER PARKING AVAILABLE**

Name(s): _____

Cellular Phone : _____

Vehicle : _____

Is your vehicle taller than 7' 3" ? _____ Yes _____ No Six of the bridges are on gravel roads;

Do you want an all paved route that omits these? _____ Yes _____ No

Registration Fee : \$30 / car x _____ cars \$ _____

Will you be attending on Thursday? _____ Yes _____ No | Starting Point _____

Friday 1 P.M. Buffet Luncheon \$31 / person x _____ persons \$ _____

(Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, & Soft Drinks)

Jenny Risley's Clipboard Crafting Workshop (\$5.00 / person paid at workshop/)

_____ # persons attending Thursday evening _____ # persons attending Friday evening

Will you be attending on Saturday? _____ Yes _____ No

BBQ Banquet \$35 / person x _____ persons \$ _____

(Smoked Sliced Prime Brisket & Turkey Breast, Green Beans Almondine, Smashed Loaded Potatoes, Peach Cobbler & Banana Pudding).

Will you be attending on Sunday _____ Yes _____ No | Ending Point _____

Total Enclosed : \$ _____

(In an effort to keep costs low, there is no fee for Billie Creek Village, Bridgeton Mill, Bison Viewing, or the Shrine of Christ's Passion. Please consider donations to them if you are so inclined.)

Mail this form and a check payable to Waukegan – North Shore Chapter A. A. C. A.

by **May 23, 2026** to Christopher Schurrer. 5502 W. Chasefield Cir. Mc Henry, ILL 60050 – 5133