



SIDELIGHTS



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Goodbye Summer
Hello Fall

COMING SOON.....

Thursday, September 10th - AACA Gent's Luncheon,
Noon @ West Dundee VFW Post 2298 117 S. 1st St. West
Dundee, IL **See page 33.**

Saturday, September 12th - ILLINOIS REGION BOARD MEETING - hosted by Waukegan-North Shore. 10:30am.
State Bank of the Lakes 50 Commerce Dr. Grayslake, IL
60030.

Friday, September 25th -LADIES OF THE AACA ILLINOIS REGION LUNCH 11:30am. Granite City,
Schaumburg, Il. **See page 35.**

Upcoming EVENTS

All Events listed below are open to all members of the Illinois Region

September 10 - GENT'S LUNCH-Noon, West Dundee VFW Post 2298, West Dundee, IL *See page 33.*

September 12 -REGION BOARD MEETING hosted by Waukegan-North Shore. 10:30am. State Bank of the Lakes 50 Commerce Dr. Grayslake, IL 60030

September 19 - Fox Valley Chapter Meeting - Noon. Rand Road House 2267 N. Randall Road Carpentersville IL. Meeting open to all.

September 25 -LADIES AACA ILLINOIS REGION LUNCH Granite City, Schaumburg, IL. *See page 35.*

October 3 - Waukegan-North Shore PRE-WAR TOUR & Fall Color Tour- The History of Waukegan and the Waukegan Chapter. *See pages 37 & 38.*

October 15-18 - Illinois Region Fall Tour hosted by The Silver Springs Chapter - "Make your way to Bourbonnais". *See page 39.*

October 24 - Fox Valley Chapter - Last Fling Gangsters, Ghosts and Hauntings. More info to come.

November 1 - Waukegan-North Shore RUN TO Brighton.

November 6 - Waukegan-North Shore Ladies "Show and Tell" Lunch @ McAlister's, Gurnee. *See page 40.*



NATIONAL NEWS

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

2026 Nationals & Tours

September

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

21-26 – Revival AAA Glidden Tour (Pre-1943) – Dover, DE

October

6-9– Eastern Fall Nationals – Hershey, PA – hosted by Hershey Region



Other Events of Interest

September 2 & 11 -HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY US ROUTE 66. Slide/Lecture Program presented by Barbara J. Barrett. *See page 41 .*

September 13 - ST. PATRICKS RESIDENCE CAR SHOW. Naperville, IL. 12-3pm. *See page 34.*

September 26 - GAGEWOOD LIONS CLUB HARVEST FEST & CAR SHOW. Wildwood, IL. 10-3pm. *See page 36.*



ILLINOIS REGION

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Members,

Where does the time go, I recall writing about the beginning of the old car season and now we are approaching the fall season for the car club. Still, plenty of car shows and cruise nights are ahead. It seems the older you become the faster time goes by.

Talk of time passing, in less than a year, the AACA NATIONAL MEET will be here. The group heading up the national meet have done an incredible job. After attending several of their meetings and hearing all they have planned, it will be a great national meet. They have a wonderful schedule of events planned for the participants.

Some of our National meet members attended the recent National Meet in Green Bay in order to gain first-hand knowledge of how the meet was being conducted. I feel they came away from that meet with a list of DO's and DON'T's that will come in handy for the planning of the event.

Please remember, the upcoming National meet will take an extraordinary amount of time and effort as we get closer to the date of the meet. It would be great, if you could find the time and energy to seek out the members of the committee and offer your services. There will be many jobs that need only a couple hours of your time during the day. Let them know you would be happy to assist them in making this meet a huge success.

We have the board meeting on 9-12 @ 10:30. The meeting is being hosted by Waukegan/ North Shore. As always, you are always welcome to attend and share your input and any ideas you may have regarding a tour or a function.

Let us know how we are doing.

Please remember we have the Fall Tour coming up and hopefully you've got your room reservation secured.

Until next month,

Dan

A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Good Day Car Family:

Now that another great season of Antique Cars, Fun and Friends is starting to slow down, I want to reach out to all of you and thank you for your support on my first year as Vice President and Chairman of the 2027 Central Fall National Meet in Crystal Lake.

We are preparing a great National Meet. An event that will set a new standard for what a National Meet should be. A great team of very dedicated volunteers have joined in this effort, and I thank you for your support.

We attended other AACA Nationals, meets from other clubs and local events to learn from them the do's and don'ts.

In the very near future, we will be having an informational meeting for all members to attend and get an idea of what we are working on, from QR codes, posters, save the date cards, virtual office, emails and phones to help make sure every attendant or visitor have the most pleasant experience

We will let everyone know when we set the date for this meeting . It will also be a time to explore what AACA, the Illinois Region and your Chapters have to offer. Stay tune for more info.

I also want to take the opportunity to thank Andy Ibata for taking pictures of every single car at the 75th Annual Car Show in July. These pictures were published in Sidelights and I was given credit for them.

We still have several very cool events left this year, so come join us and have fun.

See you at the next event

Humberto Garcia

Illinois Region AACA Vice President

2026 CNFM Chairman

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Region News:

Car Show Thoughts by the Car Show Manager

I would like to thank all the members of the Illinois Region for taking time out of their busy summer schedules to set up and run the 75th Illinois Region Car Show. Without your valuable help, car shows like this would fade into vague memories. This year we were blessed with better weather than in the past few years or even the last few weeks or days leading to the show. This year we had fifty-three cars participate in the show. Although the number of entries was lower than expected, we did have more cars than the number that attended last year.

We had an amazing cross section, this year, of vehicles spanning the decades. Our oldest automobile was a beautifully restored 1919 Ford Speedster. Wonderful examples of every decade were available for viewing leading up to our most recent automobile from 2017 which was a Dodge Challenger. We were lucky enough to have ample representation from every decade to show the public what automobiles were available during the various time periods.

Thanks go out to the Village of Carpentersville for their hospitality with the use of Carpenters Park, the Lions Club for food service and Bill and Joanna Vroman for production and sales of the model car promotion.

Additional Follow-up articles and photos are welcomed for submission by other members.

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AACA Central Fall Nationals



August 25-28, 2027

Holiday Inn Crystal Lake Convention Center

**800 South Rt 31
Crystal lake, IL. 60014**



Just an update from the Central Fall National Meet Committee

As all of you know, our region will be hosting the 2027 Central Fall National Meet on September 22nd through the 25th, 2027 at the Crystal Lake Holiday Inn Hotel.

There are several events offered to the participants:

Wednesday afternoon - We will start with a Welcome Party at Portillo's Restaurant.

Thursday morning - We will have a driving tour and a guided visit to the Sanfilippo Estate. In the afternoon there will be a driving tour to a tournament and dinner at Medieval Times.

Friday morning - We will be driving to the Historic Auto Attractions. In the afternoon there will be a romantic Festa Italiana serenaded by Bob Duda a (Frank Sinatra impersonator).

Saturday Morning - The Main Event - The Central Fall National Meet. In the afternoon a Banquet and Award presentation followed by an after party "Back to the Future" dress and dance to the 80's. The time that made us be the best generation.

A save-the-date card will soon be sent that includes a QR Code for you to stay up to date.

If you have any questions or want to volunteer, please call, text or email us @ 224-434-4384 aacaillinoisregion@gmail.com

Your 2027 Central Fall National Meet Team

ILLINOIS REGION SHIRTS

We are trying to get every Illinois Region Member to wear the same shirts at events and especially at the Nationals next year in Crystal Lake.

Prices are \$45.50 for polyester and \$58.50 for cotton. This price is net shipping and tax included. Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL. Color of shirt is Orange (as pictured).

Front



Back



If you have any questions about the shirts or the sizes please email or call Humberto Garcia, aacailvp@aol.com or 847-800-5124. We will be ordering the shirts at the end of September. **Order Form and payment are due by September 20th.**

Humberto Garcia - 2027 CFNM Chairman
AACA Illinois Region Vice-President

Fill out the form below and send it along with your check made out to: **Illinois Region** and mail it to - Humberto Garcia - 3720 Rolling Hills Rd. Carpentersville, IL 60110.

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Phone: _____

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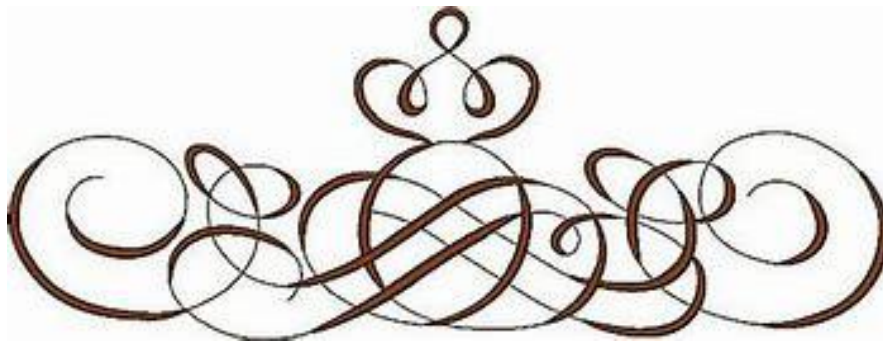
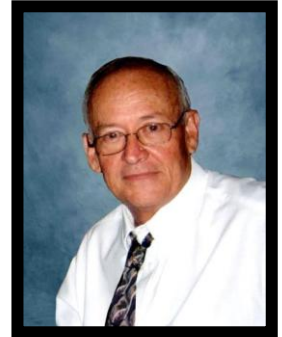
AACA Region News:

In Memoriam

Ed Olson

It is with deep sadness that we inform you of the passing of Ed Olson on 4-1-2026. Ed was a member of the Region for many years with his wife Judy who passed away in July of 2024.

Our condolences go out to the Olson family.

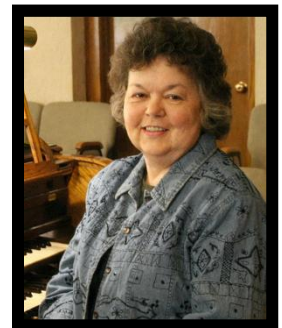


In Memoriam

Barb Griffin

It is with deep sadness that we inform you of the passing of former member Barb Griffin on 4-9-2026. Ted & Barb were frequent attendees of local chapter events for Momence, as well as our Region events, and co-hosted many of them, receiving the Mac McElroy Trophy for hosting the Spring Tour three times.

Our condolences go out to the Griffin family.



AACA Region News:



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Dan and Debbie Graziadei

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Playing with Trains!!!

Written by: Anna Nelson



The Waukegan North/Shore Chapter annually participates in the Illinois Railway Museum Vintage Transportation Extravaganza (Union, IL), which took place on August 2, 2026. We met at IHOP for a good breakfast in Crystal Lake. The drivers' meeting was short and off to our cars. This year's route took us through neighborhood side streets then opened to a spectacular view of 250 flags on RT47 in Huntley.



Which made me think, this is the third year I am attending this event. What makes it special for our members who have been attending this for years? I could share pictures of hundreds of cars at the event.



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Playing with Trains!!! (cont...)

Humberto
and
Bibianna
Garcia



Below: Joan
and Jerry
Bodden



Andy Ibata and Rose O'Halloran

My explorations led me to our members visiting other car owners, enjoying the day walking around, sitting with their cars, riding the train with people in period costumes, or posing next to interesting cars. Whichever way they chose, they all were having a fun time!

Continues...



Above: Richard Nelson
visiting with his friend Rolf.

Left: Guests in period
clothes having fun!



Anna Nelson



Harold Flood

Playing with Trains!!! (cont...)



AACA Section parking



Our members' cars.

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Playing with Trains!!! (cont...)



I was inspired by all those flags I saw for the 250th birthday, for this country. I was on a mission to find cars with that theme and the military vehicles.

I did not expect to find the HULK ! This was fun and I enjoyed the laugh.

Who knows what I will focus on next year?

Thank you, Chris Schurrer for organizing the drive tour, and coordination of the event to ensure we have our parking area, so we may enjoy this wonderful tradition.

Hope to see you all next year!



Above: Military vehicle with the Hulk inside the grill trying to break out.

Left: The blow up of the section area circled.

Steam Show

Written by:
Anna Nelson

The Steam Show is in Sycamore, IL, at Taylor Marshall Farms, fairground. This is an event attended by several members of the Waukegan/North Shore Chapter. Chris Schurrer meets us at the starting point, The Freeze in Grayslake, IL. Second pickup point was Chick 'n Dip in Hampshire, IL on August 15, 2026.



The tractor blowing their Steam Whistle at noon.



Top: At the Freeze in Grayslake meeting point. Harold Flood, Chris Schurrer, Carroll Flood and Richard Nelson socializing before the drivers' meeting.



Top and right: Second meeting point at Chick'n Dip in Hampshire. Drivers' meeting with Humberto Garcia and Andy Ibata who joined us.



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Steam Show cont...

The Steam Show includes tractors, gas tractors, garden tractors, hit and miss engines, steam powered saw mill, power shovel, corn sheller, thresher, bailer, flour mill, silo filling exhibits, tractor parade, flea market and an antique car section.



Above: Harold and Carroll Flood enjoying steam power saw mill demonstration.



Above, right & below: Chris Schurrer and Andy Ibata enjoying the Thresher demonstration.



Continues...

Steam Show cont...



All pictures are from the corn sheller demonstration



Right:
Power shovel
demonstration



Continues...

Steam Show cont...



Tractors of all
different styles
and years



Continues...

Steam Show cont...



Top: Chris Schurrer parked his car in the antique car section. Left: Humberto Garcia and Richard Nelson, enjoying the cars



Above: Humberto and Bibi Garcia visiting a Food vendor. Left: Cook showing off the pork chops. Below: Richard Nelson and John Zolot watching the tractors.



The food has outstanding roasted corn. Finest Fay's Foods has its pork chops and chicken. This meal is worth the trip. They have several other food vendors with other choices if you have a different preference.

The event, posted on Facebook, "due to the large amount of rain, the grounds are muddy, boots are recommended." Another event with rain as part of the forecast, this has not stopped our members from having fun!



The weather report for August 9, 2026 stated “possible rain after 1:00 pm” for the Waukegan/North Shore Chapter Summer Tour and Picnic. Nothing unusual, we all check the weather before an event. There was a great turnout at Panera Bread 254 E. Rollins Rd, Round Lake Beach, IL. Richard Nelson, chapter president, gave a driving overview describing the 50 leisurely miles in Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin back roads, which included nice scenic views of small towns, lakes, and farm fields.

A nice group photo in front of the Panera Bread and off to our cars.



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Picnic Day! (cont...)



We started the driving tour. What started as a cloudy day, quickly turned to dark clouds, breaking into a torrential downpour, with visibility becoming difficult, with heavy winds, and the sound of a tornado siren. Um, this was not in the drivers' briefing! Each driver did what was best for them. The tour continued at a slow pace, since visibility made reading street signs and road markers a challenge. The wonderful scenic view, non existing. Others pulled over and waited for the rain to let up. Others went home to wait it out and joined us later at the picnic area.

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Top: Lake view
Middle: Farm field
Bottom: At **11:15am**
Richmond IL clouds are getting darker and it starts to rain.

Picnic Day! (cont...)



Top and bottom Photos by: Humberto Garcia



We all made it to the picnic area at Lake County Hasting Lake Forest Preserve Shelter A. To find out, the members setting up the shelter had faced some hard challenges, chasing table cloths, that were being blown away. The barbecue pit could not be started because of the heavy rain.

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Picnic Day! (cont...)



None of this stopped us from sharing what just happened, laughing, and agreeing this will be a picnic for the history books.

Special thanks to Bill Vroman for creating this wonderful driving route, and barbecuing in the rain. Richard Nelson for testing the route, Bill and Joanna did a great job organizing the event. Mary and Ron Wisniewski helped setting up with Bill and Joanna and assisting with the barbecuing in the rain. Chris Schurrer provided the title photo. To all our members, braving the storm to make it to the picnic!



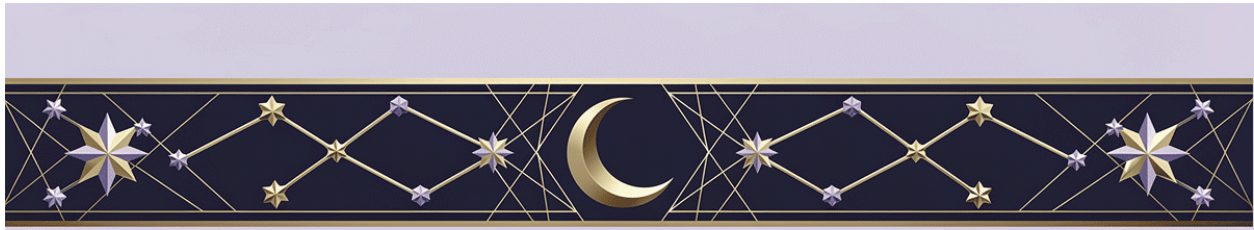
Above: Bill Vroman Barbecuing
Left and below: Members and guest enjoying the feast and the company



Above : Richard Nelson - speech
Right: Humberto Garcia - speech



AACA Chapter Events: Fox Valley Ice Cream Social



Fox Valley Region did it again, on August 20th some of us got together at Vans Custard and Ice Cream in West Dundee, a great afternoon of Friends, Ice Cream and Vintage Cars.

And yes, we had FUN!

Till the next event

Stay tune for more activities to come

Thank you, Pat, for making the flyer



AACA Chapter Events: Fox Valley Ice Cream Social





Caffeine and Chrome Car Show Summer Tour

Written by: Anna Nelson



We were ready to show off our cars, lined up in the parking lot in front of Gateway Classic show room, for the Caffeine and Chrome car show. It was hosted by Gateway Classic in Caledonia, WI on August 29, 2026. This year the inside show room had twice as many cars than last year. Our members enjoyed looking at all the cars for sale and all agreed, we like our own cars best. No cars purchased by us this event. We started our visit gathered around two tables enjoying the coffee and donuts. By 11:00am, our chat group had gathered to one table, and kept getting bigger and bigger. Now we were all together, it was easy to have our driving meeting to discuss the route to the Brat Stop in Kenosha, WI for lunch.



Continue...



Caffeine and Chrome Car Show, Fall Tour cont...



Enjoying coffee and donuts, socializing with our members.

Right: Some members would rather talk about soup than cars.



Left: Driver's meeting on the route to lunch.



Bottom: Kenosha Regional Airport

A field of cabbage

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Caffeine and Chrome Car Show, Fall Tour cont...



Lunch at Brat Stop



The tour route was passing through rural areas, cabbage fields, then the Kenosha regional airport. We had reserved seating at the Brat Stop but it was busy! Did not expect to spend almost two hours eating lunch.

The next stop was a short drive to the Pritzker Military Museum and Library. Arriving at 2:45pm, didn't give us a lot of time, since it closed at 4:00pm. There were two special exhibits: first one on William (Bill) Mauldin an editorial cartoonist that covered WWII and other military conflicts. He won two Pulitzer Prizes for his work. The second special exhibit was Kay Smith, a Chicago based watercolor artist. Her series on colonial historical watercolor painting was on exhibit for all to view. Overall, there was a good turn out.

Thanks to Jerry and Joan Bodden for putting this event together.



Top: Interior of the museum lobby and bookstore.



Left: Exterior of the museum.



Cruisin' with the Classics Grand Dominion Car Show

Written by: Anna Nelson



Cruisin' with the Classics Car Show is hosted at Grand Dominion, in Mundelein, IL, as a charity event, supporting the Fremont Township food pantry. It was on August 30, 2026.

This year was a slow start due to rain in the forecast. Entrance to the show started at 9am. There was only a handful of people present. Open to the public at 10am only 1/4 the space was filled. Many participants kept trickling in and they extended the registration time to 11:15am. Usually, the parking lot is totally filled, and they have to use overflow parking for this event. By noon, at least the parking was $\frac{3}{4}$ full, a good turnout but not great.

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Cruisin' with the Classics Grand Dominion Car Show - Continue...

In the past, the judging was done by year categories, example pre-1920 class, 1930-1939 class, 1940-1949 class, and so on, ending with Best of show. This year the categories are totally different, The award categories were Best of Show, Best Engine, Best Paint, Best interior, Best classic car over 25 years old. Best Modified car, Best custom car. Best import. For me, the judging made no sense. Especially, when there is such a wide age range for all the cars at the event.

It was nice that several AACA Illinois Region &Waukegan/North shore chapter members came out to support this event: John Palka, Chris Schurrer, Ed and JoAnn Flynn, Richard and Anna Nelson, Ron and Mary Wisniewski, Jim Greenlee and Susan Shaw, and Andy Ibata.



Richard and Anna Nelson, 2006 Ford Mustang



Above: Chris Schurrer, 1985 SAAB 900

Below:

Jo Ann and Ed Flynn, 1972 Chevrolet El Comino SS



Left: Andy Ibata, 1986 LTD Crown Victoria
and John Palka, 1950 Ford Pickup



Ron and Mary Wisniewski, 1976 Chrysler Cordoba





In corresponding with Barbara Barrett regarding her presentations she mentioned that several members of the AACA have attended her Route 66 talk this year. On Wednesday, August 26th AACA members Jane & Andy Voss attended her ***Happy 100th Birthday US Route 66*** presentation at the Helen Plum Public Library in Lombard, Illinois.

For those who have not attended, there still are a couple more presentations till the end of the year. See page 41.



Barbara's husband Chuck, Barbara, Jane and Andy Voss

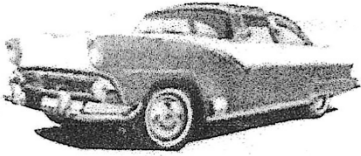


Cruise on over to the
The Gent's Lunch
Thursday, September 10th @ Noon

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

West Dundee VFW post 2298
117 S. 1st Street
West Dundee, IL

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



St. Patrick's Residence Classic Car Show

*Want to show off your classic car and put a smile
on someone's face? Bring your classic car to the
St. Patrick's car show on September 13th and bring
back old memories for someone special.*



When

September 13, 2026
Grandparent's Day

Where

St. Patrick's Residence
1400 Brookdale Rd.
Naperville, IL

Time

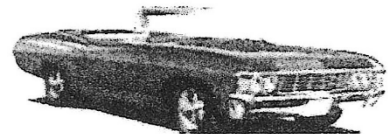
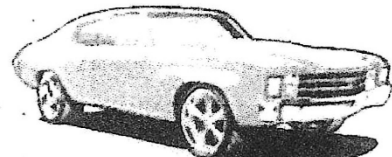
Arrive at noon with your car
Show 1:00-3:00pm

Admission

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To reserve your spot please
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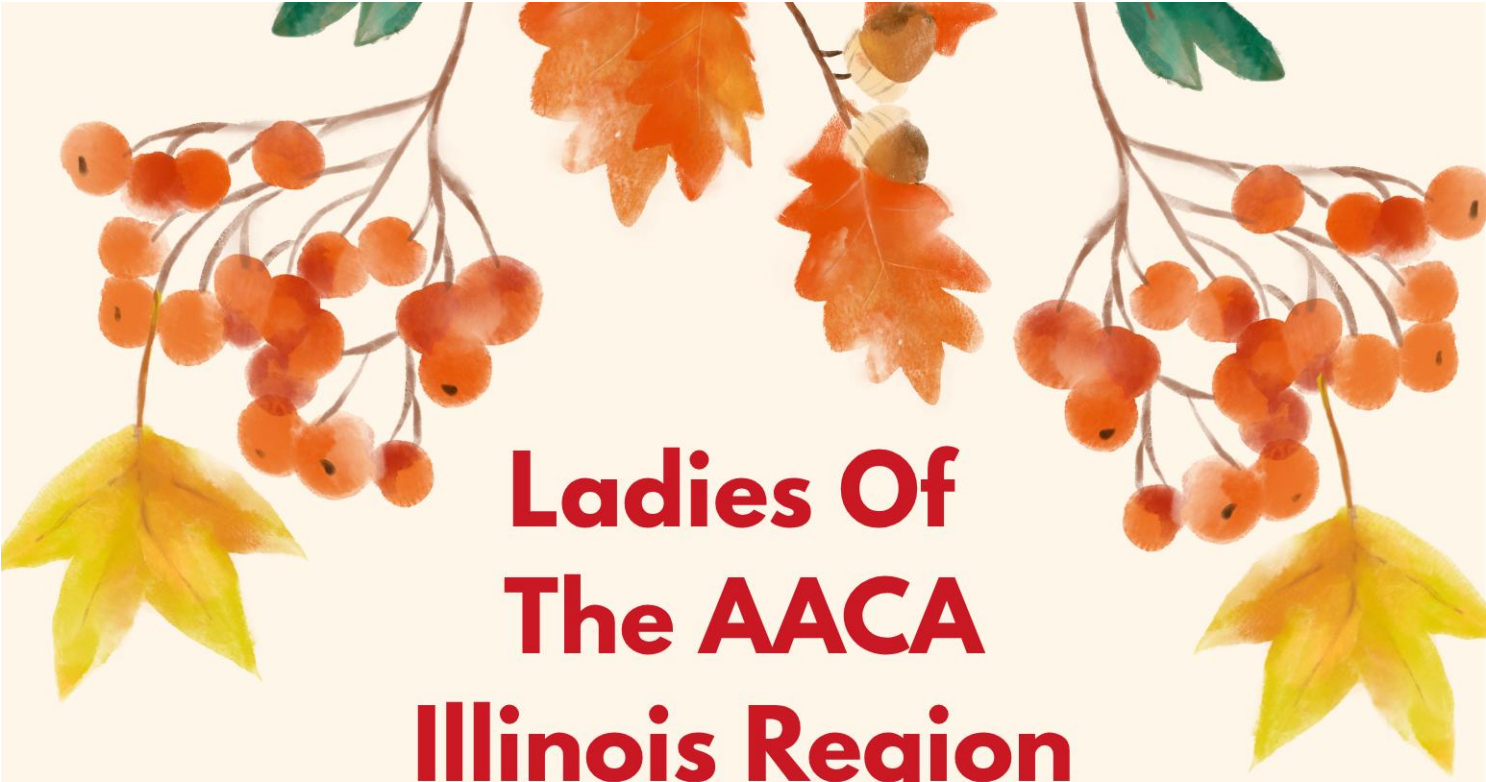
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Ladies Of The AACA Illinois Region

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🕒 **10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

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WE WOULD REQUEST A
DONATION OF FIVE DOLLARS
per vehicle.

Also Lake County tractor club

Enjoy a great day, great cars, and a great cause!





Waukegan native Jack Benny

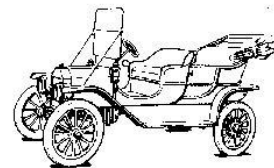


The Waukegan North Shore Chapter of AACAA Invites all Illinois Region AACAA Members and friends

To join us in a pre-war car Fall Color Tour

Saturday, October 3, 2026

The History of Waukegan and the Waukegan Chapter



The theme of this year's tour is learning about the history of Waukegan and the Waukegan Chapter.

For this year's pre-war car tour, we will be allowing post WWII cars for those members that want to attend and do not have a pre-war era car. As this tour is intended for the older cars, the tour is designed to run at 35-45 mph and we are asking that the older cars set the pace. Please send your reservation to Dan Helgren on the form provided.

We will be meeting at the McDonalds at 5555 W, Grand Ave. in Gurnee, IL (SW corner of Grand Ave, at Dilleys Road) by 9:00AM with a drivers meeting at 9:20 AM and begin the tour at 9:30AM.

The first part of the tour we will be driving on country roads before entering Waukegan. There we will wind our way through the historic district past many homes and buildings on the National register, as well as several former well know businesses including Beauchamp's radiator and glass owned by Waukegan Chapter charter member Cliff Beauchamp and later managed by his son and daughter, Gail Manz. We will have our first scheduled stop at the new Waukegan History museum at the old Carnegie library. We will be parking in the city parking lot F entering off Water St. Reserved museum parking is in the NE corner nearest to Washington @ Sheridan Road. Two handicap accessible spots are located on the north side of the building off Sheridan Road. We will meet at the lot and enter as a group at 11 am.



After this stop we will head north on Sheridan Road past the many stately homes to the Haines House museum, which is a 1870 house with all period furnishings and it includes the bed President Lincoln used when he visited Waukegan.

From the Haines House , we will head to Waukegan's west side past some of the early member's homes and businesses including the original Waukegan Chapter clubhouse. This was the upstairs room of Hugh Cross's garage and remained our meeting room until the Cross family moved to Peoria in the 1970s. Besides hosting club meetings, he also wrote the newsletter for those years with his unmistakable humor and designed the logo for the club that he sketched looking at the rear of his Nash sport touring while parked in his driveway. Our final stop will be lunch scheduled for 1 pm at the famous Quonset Pizza, still in the original Quonset building as when it opened in 1946. Lunch is scheduled for 1 pm.



Cost for the day's tour is \$ 15.00 per person for WA/NS and Illinois Region Members and \$20.00 per person for guests.

The cost for the tour includes admission to the two museums and pizza at the Quonset Hut. Drinks are on your own. Please complete the enclosed form and mail back to Dan Helgren by September 24, 2026. Please call or email the number attending by September 24 if you are unable to mail in your registration by that date.

If you have any questions, call or text Dan Helgren @ 847-533-0349.





Pres Helgren & Howe Willis Lake Forest Meet



Belanger's Buick at Ewald's House Waukegan

Genesee Street downtown in the 1920s

Name of Driver _____

Name of Passenger(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Automobile that you are driving on the tour. Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

Number attending the lunch at Quonset Pizza _____

The cost for the tour including lunch is \$15.00 per person for Illinois Region Members and \$20.00 per person for guests including museum admissions and lunch.

Members: Number _____ @ \$15.00 / person = \$ _____

Guests : Number _____ @ \$20.00 per person = \$ _____

Total amount \$ _____.

Please make your check out to Waukegan/North Shore Chapter AACA

Please return this form by **September 24** to:

Dan Helgren 18617 W Casey Road, Grayslake, IL 60030. If you cannot mail by that date, please call, text or email to: danhelegan@gmail.com to let me know how many will be attending.

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This tour is fixing to be another one with great driving and attractions and we look forward to sharing more with you as we get places confirmed in the coming weeks. We hope to see you all there for another wonderful weekend in French Illinois. Keep a lookout in Sidelights and direct e-mails from the Region & Chapter for further information on the tour.

For Questions : Contact Christopher Schurrer : (815) 382 - 0238

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A
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Waukegan North Shore Chapter AACA Ladies Lunch "Show and Tell"



Friday November 6, 2026 at 12pm

McAlister's Deli

6557 Grand Ave Gurnee, IL

(Rt 132 and Hunt Club Road, Kitty-corner from Gurnee Mills)

Lunch is on your own and can be ordered at the counter.

The food will be brought to us in our own private room.

Afterwards we will do "Show and Tell" and visiting,
we have the room until 3pm. Please bring something that
reflects your interest from your collection, a hobby, a craft
or anything that you would like to share with the ladies.
The Holidays are on the horizon, do you make any gifts to give?

Your hostess is Jenny Risley, any questions 224-214-2111

Please RSVP to Jo Ann Flynn at joannflynn28@gmail.com
(Room limit is 20)

All the Ladies of the IL Region are invited to come join in on the fun.



DON'T MISS 2026 - HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY US ROUTE 66 - AN IN-PERSON SLIDE/LECTURE PROGRAM PRESENTED BY

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:

2026 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.” **Programs at public libraries are free, but you must register on the library’s website.**

July 8, 2026
Downers Grove Pub Lib
Downers Grove, IL 1:00 PM

July 18, 2026
Bloomington Pub Lib
Bloomington, IL 2:00 PM

July 29, 2026
Northshore Sr. Center
Northfield, IL 1:00 PM

August 19, 2026
Lincolnwood PL
Lincolnwood, IL 6:30 PM

August 26, 2026
Helen Plum PL
Lombard, IL 1:00 PM

September 2, 2026
Green Hills PL
Palos Hills, IL 2:00 PM

September 11, 2026
Maine Township,
MaineStreamers
Park Ridge, IL 2:00 PM

October 15, 2026
Village of Lake in the Hills
Lake in the Hills, IL
11:00 AM

November 23, 2026
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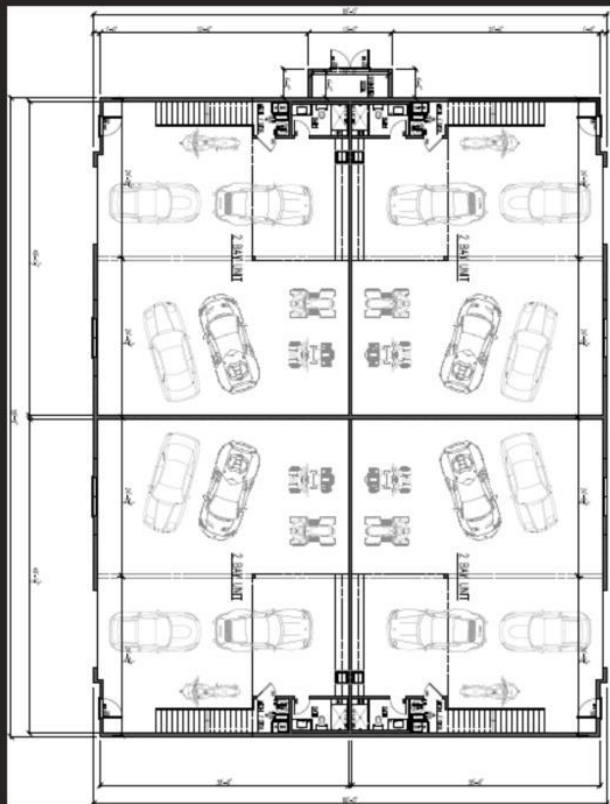
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