



SIDELIGHTS



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COMING SOON.....

Saturday, October 3rd - Waukegan-North Shore **PRE-WAR TOUR & FALL COLOR TOUR** - The History of Waukegan and the Waukegan Chapter. **See page 21.**

October 15th-18th - Illinois Region Fall Tour hosted by The Silver Springs Chapter - "Make your way to Bourbonnais". **See pages 22-26.**

Thursday, October 22nd - **AACA Gent's Luncheon**, Noon @ River Street Tavern - 102 N. River St. East Dundee, IL **See page 27.**

Saturday, October 24th - **HISTORICALLY HAUNTED CAR SHOW**, 9-3pm. West Dundee, IL. **See page 27.**

Sunday, October 25th - Fox Valley Chapter - **Last Fling Tour**- 2:30pm. **See pages 28 & 29.**

Upcoming EVENTS

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

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October 15-18 - Illinois Region Fall Tour hosted by The Silver Springs Chapter - "Make your way to Bourbonnais". See pages 22-26.

October 22 - GENT'S LUNCH-Noon, River Street Tavern, 102 N River Street, East Dundee, IL See page 27.

October 24 - HISTORICALLY HAUNTED CAR SHOW, 9-3pm. West Dundee, IL. See Page 27.

October 25 - Fox Valley Chapter - Last Fling Tour See page 28-29.

November 1 - Waukegan-North Shore RUN TO Brighton. See page 30.

November 6 - Waukegan-North Shore Ladies "Show and Tell" Lunch @ McAlister's, Gurnee. See page 31.

December 6 - Waukegan-North Shore CHRISTMAS PARTY. More information to come.

NATIONAL NEWS

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

2026 Nationals & Tours

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



Other Events of Interest

October 15 -HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY US ROUTE 66. Slide/Lecture Program presented by Barbara J. Barrett. See page 32.

Happy Halloween





ILLINOIS REGION

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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,

The start of Autumn is, to me, a bittersweet time of the year. The days are getting shorter, the weather can be cooler and it means the season for the antique cars is almost over.

The sweet part of it is the temperatures outside can be delightful with crystal blue skies and warm sunny days and plenty of outdoor activities for us to enjoy even if you are not a "car person", I know it is hard to believe there are still great outdoor activities available without the cars.

Although the car season is in its twilight, there are plenty of activities left to enjoy. One of the highlights of the fall season is Hershey. If you have not made the pilgrimage to Hershey, you need to do it once. The collection of cars that gathers at Hershey is wonderful. Many of them are rare and interesting automobiles, the likes of which you will not see in our area.

Closer to home are the activities of our region. Coming up is the FALL TOUR. This year it is sponsored by the Silver Springs Chapter. The tour is October 15 - 18.

If you have not signed up, please do so.

Then, coming up on 11-1 is the annual run to Brighton. Always a great time with interesting country roads.

Although the days are shorter and the weather a little cooler, there are still plenty of activities to keep us and the old cars busy.

Please make sure you partake in the wonderful activities the region has planned.

Until Next Month,

Dan

MY TWO CENTS.....



Hello Everyone,

As the end of the Antique Car Season 2026 approaches. We are not slowing down; there are several upcoming events for you to enjoy. The Pre War Tour, the very well awaited Fall Tour, The Dundee Township Historical Society Haunted Car Show, The Brighton Run and a new event The Last Fling Driving Tour. See inside pages for more information.

Also, we are planning the January meeting to be not just a board meeting but an Annual Members Dinner, this will include awards, recognitions, presentations, member updates on the planning of the Central Fall Meet and just a great time for all.

Your board of directors and several members are already planning events for next year. Driving tours, social events and 1 or 2 junkyard tours (before it's too late and they are gone forever). If you have an idea or an event you would like to be planned, please let me know, we will work on it.

By this time all of us had received the September/October Edition of Antique Automobile National Magazine on page 13 is my bio and nomination of national board of directors. Please take some time and vote for 7 Candidates. Especially the one on the right side of the page, I hope to count on your vote.

Till next month,

Humberto Garcia
Illinois Region Vice-President
2027 CNFM Chairman

Keeping the Hobby Rolling

P.S. DONT FORGET TO VOTE

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Annual Dues

It's AACCA IL Region 2027 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 website is not an option at this time but is still being investigated by the Region Board of Directors for next year. Region dues are still \$23 per year.

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.

Any new members who have already paid their 2026 and/or their 2027 region dues are not required to make any further payment at this time but are asked to complete the remainder of the form to make sure your personal information (including classic car ownership) is current. Board of Directors members are not required to pay region dues but should pay any applicable chapter dues.

Thank You.

Andy Voss
Membership Chairman
IL Region of the AACCA

2027 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 applicable spaces 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: _____

AACA NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP No. _____

Make check payable to the *Illinois Region* and mail it to:

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

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, 2026 to be included in the 2027 Roster.

A digital version of the 2026 Roster will be e-mailed to all members. Would you also like a paper copy of the 2026 Roster mailed to your home address? 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

BOARD MEETING

Date: June 13, 2026

Host: Silver Springs Chapter

Location: Somonauk Public Library

President: Dan Sobczyk

Vice-President: Humberto Garcia

Treasurer: Bob Wenderski

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Board Members:

Chris Schurrer

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Bibiana Garcia

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Dan Sobczyk

Chapter Presidents:

Des Plaines Valley—Lee Nelson

Fox Valley—Dan Sobczyk

Silver Springs—Jim Olson

Waukegan-North Shore—Richard Nelson

Committee Chairs:

Legislative—Lee Nelson

Archivist—Chris Schurrer

Membership—Andy Voss

Car Show—Jim Sikora

Website—Bill Vroman

Publicity—Bob Markert

Guests: Pat Markert, Vern Fagerberg, Mike & Jennie Passalacqua

1. Welcome—President—Dan Sobczyk called the meeting to order at 10:34.

Roll Call taken by Secretary. All above were present.

Secretary report— There were calls for corrections to the March 21 minutes. Richard Nelson and Chris Schurrer were listed as present at the meeting. They were not there. Rose read the March 21 minutes aloud. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Humberto Garcia; second Bibiana Garcia. Passed.

Humberto Garcia asked for the January minutes to be corrected and added into the March minutes. Motion was made by Richard Nelson; second, Anna Nelson. Passed

It was decided to by-pass Old Business and New Business until later in the meeting,

Standing Committees:

Membership: Andy Voss reported that there were no new members but there is a pending membership from Rolf Snobeck of the Studebaker Drivers Club. For complementary memberships submitted after July 1, the free dues would carry through 2027.

Publicity: Bob Markert reported nothing new.

Legislative: Lee Nelson reported nothing new, but Humberto Garcia added that Governor Pritzger's 6 cent gasoline tax has been temporarily suspended.

Website: Bill Vroman received a weird letter regarding two women planning a full Route 66 cross country drive who would like to lease a 1966 convertible with a driver, full expenses paid, for the summer. Pat Markert suggested that this may be a scam.

Archivist: Chris Schurrer has been busy researching old tours like the successful 2026 Spring Tour. The dash plaque was based on a 1960 Lake Forest Show plaque that also commemorated the AACA Silver Jubilee. Chris has unearthed a very old Willys Overland Knight Registry tour that he is using as a template for the Fall Tour.

Car Show: Jim Sikora reports that pre-registration for our July 19 car show in Carpentersville is very low with only ten pre-paid registrations received. Chris has the dash plaques ordered. Humberto is our liaison with the village. A non-AACA website has the wrong date and location listed for our show. Bill Vroman went directly to the site and entered our correct information; we hope it is properly updated. Vern Fagerberg pointed out that members of his Corvette Club are getting away from judged shows. Jennie Passalacqua pointed out that many people do not want their cars judged, especially if the car is not perfect. Chris mentioned that the previous two shows were rained out and that may be holding down this year's registration. Jim has mentioned to people that we welcome barn find type cars. Bob Wenderski said that Bob Markert has sent out a blast to previous show attendees.

Activities:

Swap Meet: Bob Markert said this year's swap meet will again be at Bill Kay Motor Sports on Ogden Avenue in Downers Grove. They are trying to arrange a date in September. Humberto said he can get into Friendly Ford if the other doesn't work out. Dan Sobczyk asked if the Walter P. Chrysler Club would be interested in participating in our swap meet. Humberto has talked to WPC president Guy Morice about this.

Spring Tour: Chris Schurrer reports that 30 members attended our Spring Tour in Parke County, Indiana from May 28 through May 31. We met at McDonalds on the Lincoln Highway in Frankfort, IL. and caravanned to University Park to visit the IBEW Local 9 training center. Fantastic! Was the word used most to describe this sprawling complex. The group lunched at Carbondale Tavern on historic Old Route 41 in Indiana. Williamsport showed us the state's tallest waterfall with a 90' drop from Fall Creek. The town of Attica featured Wolf's Candy with an ice cream shop directly across the street. Then on to the host hotel in Crawfordsville. Our Friday and Saturday tour had us criss-crossing 33 covered bridges, some on gravel roads. Friday's stops included a visit to Rockville for lunch, a Model T collector, a world class dime store and the eclectic Billy Creek Village, complete with unusual people. Saturday saw the group at Bridgeton Mill, down the road to a winery, and a banquet in the evening at the historic Crawfordsville train depot. Eight older cars drove the tour, the oldest being a 1952 Hudson Hornet, plus some newer cars. Sunday, a few of the members toured back to Illinois, stopping for lunch in Fowler, Indiana before visiting wild buffalo, a religious shrine and a cruise night. Humberto reported his vintage Lincoln broke down in a town with 200 people. The electronic module malfunctioned, but with the friendly locals, he was up and running in an hour.

Chapter Reports

Des Plaines Valley: Members participated in the Sandwich Car show and the Spring Tour the following week. President Lee Nelson also participated in the set up to the announced EAA Fly-In Breakfast the same day as today's board meeting. When asked about Nancy's condition, Lee reported that after the return from Parke County, Nancy suffered a mini-stroke and is in a nursing facility for rehab.

Fox Valley: Dan Sobczyk reported that the chapter had a wonderful tour on May 16. The tour started at the St. Charles Motorcycle Museum on Route 64. The owner has 150 bikes on display, all owner restorations, with an equal amount of bikes off site. None are Japanese bikes. From there, the group caravanned to Region member Jordan Beller's private collection in Romeoville with over 200 cars and trucks on display. The tour was arranged by Humberto and Bibiana Garcia and Chris Schurrer. On June 14 they are planning a red, white and blue Flag Day lunch at the VFW in Dundee. Dan asked members to drive their old car if they could. Thursday, June 18, there is a Gents Lunch in West Dundee and on the Fourth of July there is a car show in Carpenters Park in Carpentersville with proceeds going to a local charity.

Silver Springs: Jim Olson reported that after a rainy start, 220 cars made it to the Sandwich Car Show on May 24. Kids got to pick their favorite car, with 30 participating. They also had face painting for the kids this year. Their group is investigating the Bourbonnais area as a possible hub for the Fall Tour, with a one-day excursion to visit old Momence Chapter friends.

Waukegan-North Shore: Richard Nelson reported that the Dust Off tour on May 3 was a

success, from Lake Villa to Mundelein, visiting a model railroad. The group will participate in the Union Railway Transportation Extravaganza on August 2, followed by their annual Picnic on August 9, the Sycamore Steam Show on August 15, a tour to Gateway Classics in Caledonia on August 29, Harvest Fest on September 29 and the annual Brighton Run on November 1. He also reported that he has been contacted by a former member, Bill Fisher, who has a metal region sign that has been in his keeping.

Old Business

Questions arose about Sidelights. Humberto said that the editor, Laura Cielenski, prints everything that is submitted to her. Laura is not a member of AACA but does our newsletter as well as other car clubs. Chris asked if Laura (who was not at the meeting) has a price point per page. Bob Wenderski said that Laura is paid by the hour. Someone remarked that they had submitted a notice to be a quarter page and the it was printed as a whole page. Pat Markert remarked that Laura would not know what should be downsized. Chris suggested that a member should be the Sidelights coordinator. Anna said Laura should be instructed as to the size of an article and that camera ready art is readily adjustable.

The subject was tabled by President Dan Sobczyk.

Central Fall National Meet

Central Fall National Meet is the new name of the August 2027 Crystal Lake big show which is in the planning stages now. Humberto has a commemorative coin in design, with proceeds to a not-for-profit. National has approved our dash plaque. A bank account has been opened and we are awaiting arrival of a prototype bright color shirt with a logo that we can wear to events to promote our meet. We are starting to look for sponsors. Richard Nelson says our chief judge expects at 150 cars.

Visitor Input

Jennis Passalacqua had a video display for us. Dan suggests we adjourn, eat lunch and then enjoy the video and talk.

President Dan Sobczyk thanks the host Silver Springs, announces the next meeting on September 12 at State Bank of the Lake at 10:30 am.

Chris Schurrer made a motion to adjourn; second, Bibi. Garcia. Passed.

Meeting ends at 12:08. Lunch was a excellent array of sandwiches, cookies, chips, soda and water.

Presentation by Jennie Passalacqua

Wonderful! How to avoid falling for scams. Thank you Jennie!

AACA Central Fall Nationals



August 25-28, 2027

Holiday Inn Crystal Lake Convention Center

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



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 October 15th.**

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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

of shirts: _____

Sizes: _____



We are having a PHOTO CONTEST! Yes, again this year we are sponsoring a photo contest. Here are the rules.

1. We want a beautiful picture, or a funny picture or an unusual picture with a vehicle in the picture somewhere. Don't take a picture of a vehicle on the driveway. That is not what we are looking for. The vehicle in the picture does not even have to be yours!
2. Send your picture to Pat Markert at crochetisg8@gmail.com before December 15. *Limit of 5 entries.*
3. Winners will be announced in the January issue of Sidelights.

What are the prizes?

First place: Dues for National and Region for 2027 will be paid

Second place: Dues for National will be paid by the Region for you.

Third place: Dues for the Region will be paid for you.



So, get those pictures coming to Pat. She hopes to hear from you soon.

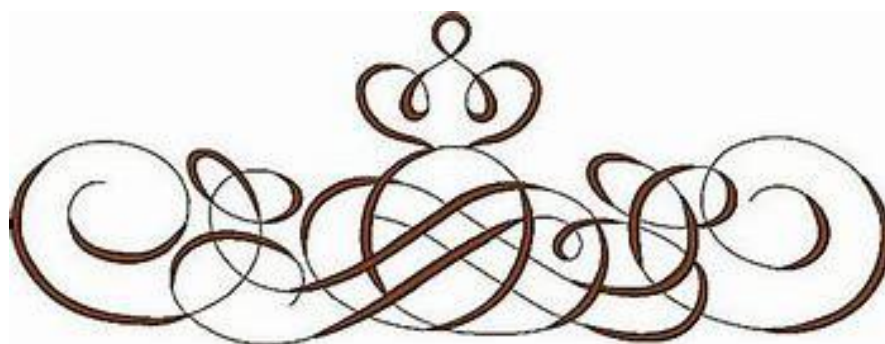
AACA Region News:

In Memoriam

Tom Dennison

It is with deep sadness that we inform you of the passing of former member Tom Dennison on 3/29/2026. Tom and Florence were members of the former Momence Chapter.

Our condolences go out to Florence and the Dennison family.

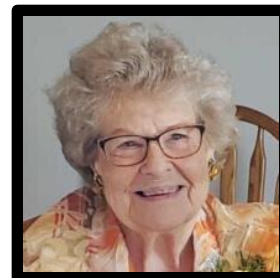


In Memoriam

Muriel Baker

It is with deep sadness that we inform you of passing of former member Muriel Baker on 8/26/2026. Bill & Muriel were members of the former Momence Chapter from 1995-2017.

Our condolences go out to the Baker family.



AACA Region News:



WELCOME NEW MEMBER!



Tony DiOrio

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The Illinois Region now has its own Facebook page.

Here is the link to the Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1cnfFyQpKs/Facebook>.

Simply press CTRL + click on the above link and follow our page.





Harvest Fest

Written by: Anna Nelson

This year Wildwood Park District celebrates 50 years of being a park district, at their Harvest Fest event. AACA Waukegan/North Shore car club was invited to participate in their Antique Car Show at the event, September 26, 2026. Thank you: Harold Flood, Jo Ann & Ed Flynn, Jim Greenlee & Susan Shaw, Hank Hahn, Pat Hoyer, Andy Ibata, Richard Nelson, Mike Passalacqua, Jenny Risley, Don Schreiber, Alicia & Wendell Stevenson, Mary & Ron Wisniewski, and John Zolot, for coming to the event. Plus, other antique car clubs and some private owners brought their antique vehicles. The turnout was smaller this year because the date was competing with three other car shows. Still 20+ cars, one motorcycle and one fire truck is still a good turnout.



Harvest Fest continued...

Harvest Fest continued...



Harold Flood brought some of his miniature antique cars, trucks and fire truck, to exhibit. Hank Hahn and Richard Nelson went to check out the Warren Township Truck. One car owner wanted to bring some humor to the event by having a doll changing his car light to help entertain the children touring the antique cars.



Other activities included 27 vendor booths, bingo, dunk tank, pumpkin painting, rope bridge, face painting, bounce house, petting zoo, and pony rides. The Lions Club provided the food booth, plus 3 food trucks were on site and a beer tent. Lake County Farm Heritage Association brought several vintage tractors and their barrel ride to the event. The entertainment included a show on: How to Train Police Dogs, A ceremony celebrating 50 years of being a Wildwood Park District, ending with a Band.



Harvest Fest continued...

Harvest Fest continued...



Photo left: Lions food tent, with hamburgers, hotdogs, bratwurst with sauerkraut, and wonderful walking tacos



Top Photo: Rope climbing



Left Photo: Pumpkin painting



Right Photo: tractor barrel ride





Waukegan native Jack Benny

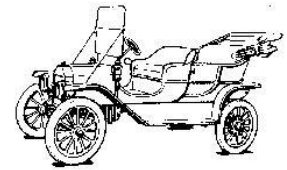


The Waukegan North Shore Chapter of AACAA Invites all Illinois Region AACAA Members and friends

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 Dilley's 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.



The Silver Springs Chapter cordially invites you to
Make your way...

... to Bourbonnais!

For the Illinois Region Fall Tour. Oct. 15 – 18, 2026



The headquarters of fun this fall is the **Comfort Inn at 1500 ILL Rt. 50, Bourbonnais, ILL 60194.**, located just north of the **Interchange of I – 57 and ILL Rt. 50**. We have secured lodging **at the inflation busting price of \$99.00 / night + tax** for either a single king or two queen bedrooms. To reserve, please **call the hotel at (815) 401 – 5043** . Our group rate is under “**Illinois Region AACAA**” . Alternatively, you can reserve online by **copying this URL into your internet browser : <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/IS83X6>** . This price will be available **until Sept. 30, 2026**, but make sure to book ahead so you lock in your room. Trailer parking is available adjacent to the hotel.

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

**HAVE
A
BALL**



**IN
THE
'BONNAIS**

SO MUCH TO SEE AROUND KANKAKEE!

We have been hard at work preparing interesting stops and travels routes for everyone to look forward to for the **Fall Tour on October 15 -18**. While there is still more planning happening in the background. We are pleased to present two automotive collections and the most famous road they could travel on.

Our first collection showcases automobile from an unsung era. The cars that were seen everywhere on the roads, then silently disappeared. They can be found here at **the Crazy 80's Car Museum**, focusing on the daily drivers which ran the roads of the era. The curators spent his time looking for these time capsules to preserve, and many are one – owner cars. Come join us to visit the showcase of the everyday automobile.



Second, for those who want an even more unique collection of automobiles. We head off to the **Momence Motor Museum**. The curator scours the world of minicars which is a major showcase of the collection. Additionally, the curator is considered one of the most active collectors of three-wheeled motorized vehicles built under a British government program to provide reliable transportation for wounded veterans after World War II. It is considered one of the largest if not the largest collection of them. A collection one won't see anywhere else.



And of course, we will be traveling a portion of **U. S. Route 66**, The Mother Road. Having it's 100th birthday just a month later, we will spend most of a solid day exploring the highway. There's more to come, so stay tuned and don't forget to book your hotel at the Comfort Inn in Bourbonnais!



LESSONS OF HISTORY IN KANKAKEE

The upcoming fall tour is not only about automobiles. We have some wonderful stops to give you a well rounded lay of the land. We are happy to announce we will have a guided tour of the B. Harley Bradley House. Sitting on the bank of the Kankakee River, this house was the first home designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in the Prairie Style which he would become synonymous for. For the next decade, many of his building projects would be based upon the design of this house. We will have a guided tour of the home. Additionally, get a glimpse of the exterior of the Hickox House, another of Wright's, next door.



Kankakee is within a culturally unique area of Illinois, when many settlers from the French-speaking area of Canada found their homes. As we spend much of our time within this area, join us as we learn about the culture of these settlers, which these communities originated from at the **French Heritage Museum**. Those with French – Canadian ancestry will find special interest in the artifacts contained within the Old Stone Barn, built in the 1860's.



Oh, and do you see the barn quilt in the center photo? As we travel throughout the tour, keep a lookout for these. There are over 50 barn quilts in Kankakee County alone, some are very old, but many a newer as a revival of barn quilts in America started around the turn of the century. They have their own unique character & intricacies. Keep a look out while touring!

Bourbonnais is in your future!

Host Hotel : Comfort Inn – 1500 ILL Rt. 50, Bourbonnais, ILL 60914

Call Now! (815) 401 – 5043. Rooms set aside for The Illinois Region are selling like hotcakes!

Ever wonder why people think hotcakes are supposed to sell fast? ... Well, we can't help you with that. But what we can do is help you have a good time from October 15th to the 18th. You can even have some of those hot – selling hot cakes while you are there!



Beautiful vistas! The **Kankakee River** will provide us with wonderful views along both major days of the tour. Allowing for a picturesque & relaxing “Riverdance” cruise. Along the river we will visit the Frank Lloyd Wright built B. Harley Bradley House for a guided tour of the home. Also, throughout the countryside we will encounter **painted barn quilts**, part of the growing American quilt trail!

Great places to be! **Ian Hellings’** collection of motorized three – wheelers built after World War II to provide the transportation to Britain's wounded veterans and disabled citizens. This is one of the world's largest collections of them. Many minicars can be found in the collections too. And that's not all! We will visit the equally unique **Crazy 80's Car Museum**, showcase the daily drivers of the era.



Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler! Join us while we connect with the heritage of the French Corridor in Illinois, visiting the not only the **French Heritage Museum** to learn about the area's early settlers, but we will be having a wonderful lunch at the world famous **Longbranch Restaurant** right smack dab in the middle of **bustling downtown L' Erable**. Let the good times roll!

Get your kicks! Travel on a portion of the **Mother Road on its centennial anniversary**. Explore at leisure U. S. Rt. 66 and a handful of communities it travels through. Many attractions abound in every community along the way. A true expedition!

And Much, Much More!

So, it's time. Shake the cobwebs off “The Old Bomb” and get a couple of miles under your belt. So let's lay some stripes and get going people! And remember, trailer parking is available!

Questions? Call Christopher Schurrer (815) 382 – 0238



What About Thursday & Sunday?

Maximize your touring enjoyment! On **Thursday** we will begin with breakfast at the **Americana Restaurant at the I-55 Auto & Truck Stop in Bolingbrook, Illinois. Meeting at 9:00 and leaving at 10:00.** We will then continue into the countryside to enjoy the **Kankakee Riverside**. From then we set our sights on **Manteno**. Where there are several interesting **antique shops**, visit **Mayberry for lunch**, and possibly more can be found.

On **Sunday** we head out to, dare I say it? Indiana *gasp* to visit the massive modern agriculture attraction, **Fair Oaks Farms**. We will make it there for their **famous tableside – service Sunday Brunch** and have the entire day for those to visit any of its many attractions. With **possibly an afternoon trip** back toward the highway returning home **with a stop or two** along the way. **Stay tuned for further updates on both.**

Registration Form 2026 Riverdance Fall Tour

Return Form with Check Payable to Silver Springs A. A. C. A. to be received by **Oct. 1, 2026**
To Christopher Schurrer. 5502 W. Chasefield Cir. Mc Henry, ILL 60050 - 5133

Name(s) : _____

Vehicle(s) : _____

Registration : ____ cars x \$25 / car = \$ _____

Thursday Start: Americana Restaurant 510 S. Bolingbrook Dr. Bolingbrook

Meet at 9:00, Departing at 10:00. **I will attend on Thursday** _____

Friday :

Guided Tour – B. Harley Bradley House ____ people x \$20 / person = \$ _____

Buffet Lunch at the Longbranch ____ people x \$29.50 / person = \$ _____

Honey Glazed Ham, Roasted Pork Tenderloin with Cran – Apple – Maple Sauce, Linguine with Lemon Herb Sauce, Green Bean Casserole, Salad, Rolls, & Soft Drinks.

Saturday :

French Heritage Museum ____ people x \$3 / person = \$ _____

Crazy 80's Car Museum ____ people x \$3 / person = \$ _____

Buffet Banquet at Tucci's ____ people x \$35 / person = \$ _____

Chicken Vesuvio, Roast Beef, Potatoes. Green Beans, Penne Pasta with Red Sauce, Garlic Sticks, Salad, Coffee, Tea, and Soft Drinks.

Sunday : Fair Oaks Farms attractions & meals on your own. **I will attend on Sunday** _____



Cruise on over to the
The Gent's Lunch
Thursday, October 22nd @ Noon

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

River Street Tavern
102 N. River St.
East Dundee, IL.

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



HISTORICALLY HAUNTED FIFTH ANNUAL CAR SHOW

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM • AWARDS AT 2:00 PM
426 HIGHLAND AVE, WEST DUNDEE

\$20. per car / Dash plaques for the first 50 cars
All proceeds will benefit the Dundee Township Historical Society.



TROPHIES For cars 25 years & older

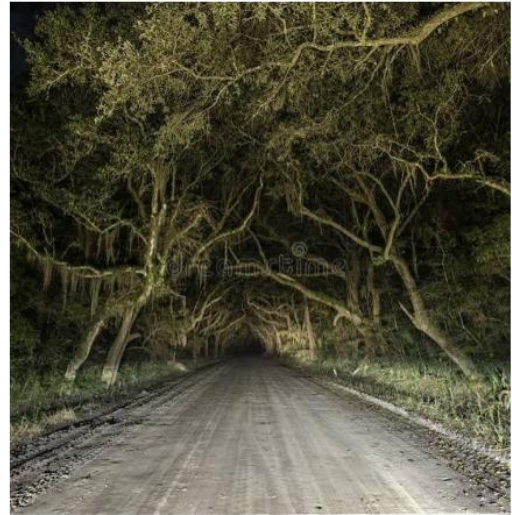
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- Best of show
- Spookiest car
- Best Halloween costume

For more information contact
Humberto Garcia 847-800-5124



FOX VALLEY LAST FLING TOUR

You all have heard the stories. The roads where shadows move in every corner and lights dance in the corner of view. Where automobiles, buildings, and people(?) seem to appear and disappear with a moment's notice.



You've heard the names. Bray Road. U.S. 666. But do you know Haunted Route 14? From gangster shootouts and hideaways, to cemeteries where the residents may not be fully at rest, and more.

Join the Fox Valley Chapter for an evening tour that will be one to remember. But be careful where you sound your horn, you never know what may reply.

When: October 25 at 2:30

Where: Starting at Langendorf Park. 229 W. Northwest Hwy. Barrington, ILL. (Note: use this address specifically if using GPS)

We will end the tour in Woodstock where you can join a G-h-o-s-t-l-y walking tour of Haunted Woodstock.

over →



Enjoy a 90 minute guided paranormal and history tour covering local legends, the Old Courthouse and the Woodstock Opera House,

Last Fling tour

Tour \$15 X _____ # of people going = _____

Walking tour in Woodstock

\$35 X _____ # of people going = _____

Total = _____

If you are taking the Walking Tour, please let Humberto Garcia (847 800 5124) know by October 9 as he has to buy the tickets early as they sell out.

Please make the check out to
Fox Valley AACA.





Waukegan~NorthShore Chapter AACAA

Presents our 66th Annual Run to Brighton Sunday, Nov 1st 2026

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 130th 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 a winery & Apple Orchard where a tour and wine tasting will be offered if interested.

Meet at **8:30am** or come earlier for breakfast

Lunch is on your own

Panera Bread - registration outside,

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

Driver's Meeting 9:15.....Departing at 9:30 Sharp- Red, 9:45 - Blue, 10:00 Green

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, 2026**

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

33402 Lone Rock Rd.

Wildwood, IL 60030

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ Amount enclosed. _____

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

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

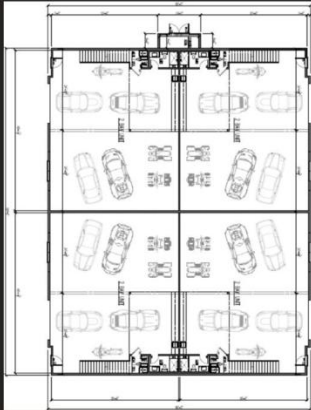
November 23, 2026
Fremont Public Library
Mundelein, IL 7:00 PM





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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

1961 Plymouth 4 door, 50 M miles. Been sitting for 50 years. Needs to sell.

Contact Dan Sobczyk @ 847-977-0595 for info.

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Contact Steve Kolish (847) 848 - 7013

1939 Sears Handyman riding tractor with Attachments 1000, firm. Dave Kolzow - 815 246 4545

*** While searching for a potential Junkyard Tour, the Fox Valley Chapter found out one yard is liquidating currently. Original Yard owner passed. What's left is a large selection of vintage automotive glass. From the 1960's - 1980's cars & trucks. Have curved windshields too. Located at Former A & B Auto Parts. [1664 Guetschow Ave, South Beloit, IL. 61080](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1664+Guetschow+Ave,+South+Beloit,+IL+61080). On site Mo - Sa 8a - 3p. Property is for sale - looking to sell glass quickly. Contact [\(815\) 389-2326](tel:8153892326) with inquiries. ***