SIDELIGHTS

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COMING SOON……

Sunday, November 1st - Waukegan-North Shore **RUN TO Brighton. See page 28.**

Friday, November 6th Waukegan-North Shore **Ladies "Show and Tell" Lunch @** McAlister's, Gurnee. **See page 29.**

Saturday, November 14th – Illinois Region Board Meeting 10am White Oak Library Crest Hill Branch 20670 City Center Blvd. Crest Hill, IL. 60403.

Thursday, November 19th – *AACA Gent's Luncheon,* Noon @ West Dundee VFW Post 2298 117 S. 1st St. West Dundee, IL **See page 30.**

Upcoming EVENTS

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

November 1 - Waukegan-North Shore **RUN TO Brighton. See page 28.**

November 6 - Waukegan-North Shore **Ladies "Show and Tell" Lunch** @ McAlister's, Gurnee. **See page 29.**

***November 14* -REGION BOARD MEETING – 10:00am** Hosted by Des Plaines Valley. At the White Oak Library: Crest Hill Branch 20670 City Center Blvd. Crest Hill, IL. 60403

***November 19* - GENT'S LUNCH-**Noon, West Dundee VFW Post 2298, West Dundee, IL. **See page 30.**

November 21 – Fox Valley Chapter Meeting - Noon. Rand Road House 2267 N. Randall Road Carpentersville IL. Meeting open to all.

m ***December 6* -** Waukegan-North Shore **HOLIDAY PARTY.** Parkway on the Lake, Ingleside, IL. Noon. **See page 31.**

December 12 – Fox Valley invites everyone to come and watch the Army-Navy Game @ 12pm. At the VFW Post 2298, 117 S. 1st Street West Dundee, IL.

***January 16* – ILLINOIS REGION ANNUAL GALA DINNER** -Holiday Inn. Crystal Lake, IL. 5:30pm. **See page 32.**

Other Events of Interest

***November 23* -HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY US ROUTE 66.** Slide/Lecture Program presented by Barbara J. Barrett. **See page 33.**

NATIONAL NEWS

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

2027 Nationals & Tours

February
4-6 – Annual Convention/ National Awards King of Prussia, PA
18-20 – Winter Nationals – Melbourne, FL

April
8-10– Annual Grand Nationals /Zenith/ Southeastern Spring Nationals – Charlotte, NC

June
3-5– Eastern Spring Nationals – Fredericksburg, VA

June
6-11– Founders Tour – Winchester, VA

July
22-24– Central Spring Nationals – New Ulm, MN

August
25-28– Central Fall Nationals – Crystal Lake, IL

September
8-11 – Special Fall Nationals – Vernon, NY
19-24 – AAA Glidden Tour – Branson, MO

October
5-8, – Eastern Fall Meet – Hershey, PA
25-29 – Eastern Divisional Tour – Swedesboro, NJ





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,

Happy Halloween to all our AACA members and their families.

Hard to believe that another car club year of fun and adventure is near the close. A couple of events left, in particular, the run to Brighton, which is always an exciting tour. How Waukegan/Northshore guys find such enjoyable routes to the same place in Wisconsin is beyond me. They always find colorful and exciting roads to drive along. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate and provide great driving conditions.

Coming up in January is the Board meeting that is open to all members. It is at this meeting that the board presents the Licthfeld Award. The award is presented to one of our AACA members. The award is for Outstanding Sportsmanship while representing the value of the Illinois Region and the AACA.

If you know of a member{s} that you feel deserves this award, please feel free to nominate them. You can nominate them by emailing myself or any member of the board and include a letter detailing why you feel they should be nominated.

I mention this in this newsletter to give you time to consider your nomination and thoughtful reasons why they should be nominated. If you care to nominate yourself, that is fine. Please provide compelling reasons for your nomination. All nominations will be discussed and considered by the board.

Also, if you have any interest in running for the Board of Directors for the Region, please contact one of the board members, as the ballots will be going out shortly.

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MY TWO CENTS…..



Greetings Everyone,

Here is my report and 2 cents

Some great news first our multiple payment option system is installed, tested and up and running for our region, now you can pay via credit card in person or remotely also we now can receive Zelle payments also, at no processing fee cost for us. I had been working on this for the last month or so and glad to say it is ready I had tested it with some of the new members, the joint AACA National, Region and Chapters.
This will be implemented for next year as the new treasurer gets sword in
for any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

We had been working in a new, old event for the Region. at an event it was brought to my attention that we use to have an annual dinner at hotel on the 3rd weekend of January that concede with the last and first of the year board meetings
I had never heard about it, so after talking to some other members wanting to have it back so here, we go, do something new The Annual Members Gala Night 2027 is on the works.so far this is what we got

January the 16th Saturday 3rd weekend of the year. The event will be at the Holiday Inn Hotel (Elgin or Crystal Lake) reviewing contracts now

noon to 3:30	Last and First board meetings
5:00 to 6:30	Happy hour (cash bar) Jazz band
6:30 to 8:00	Dinner and awards presentation
8:00to 8:30	Spokesperson (Local social media Personality)

Also, if anyone would like to spend the night, we will have room available (reservations must be made on your own) Menu options cost and tickets will be available after the November board meeting.

Please let me know if you would like to be a part of planning The Annual Members Gala Night.

Your input is very important growth for the Region

Humberto Garcia
Illinois Region Vice-President



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Annual Dues

It's AACA 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 <u>not</u> 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 AACA

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 (Must be National Lifetime Member – Dues for National Lifetime membership dues are now $700.00)	**$300.00**	_____
Current paid Illinois Region Lifetime Member?	**Yes**	_____
Chapters:		
Fox Valley Chapter	**$5.00**	_____
Waukegan-North Shore Chapter	**$8.00**	_____
Total Amount Enclosed:		_____

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

Andy Voss
245 E. Willow Ave., Apt. 518
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AACA NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP No. _____

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



ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB of AMERICA

Illinois Region AACA
OLDEST REGION OF AACA
FOUNDED JANUARY 15,1946



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.

President's Message

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Also, you should have received your ballot for National Board Members. One of our Illinois Region members is on the ballot and would appreciate your support. Humberto Garcia has been a tremendous supporter of the Illinois Region and a great supporter of the Fox Valley Chapter. His enthusiasm for the Illinois Region has been outstanding and I am confident that he will do a magnificent job for the AACA Illinois Region and for AACA.

Please return your ballot and show support for Humberto.

Lastly, as I mentioned previously, Bob Wenderski will be stepping down as the Treasurer of the region in January.

It is an important position and Bob has done and great job. We need a replacement for Bob and he will work with the candidate to ensure a successful transition.

We need your help.

Until next month,

Dan

AACA Region News



WELCOME NEW MEMBER!



Ed Mendrala

[redacted]

The Illinois Region now has its own Facebook page.

Here is the link to the Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1DURSAZVU6

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

The Pre-war Car/Fall Color Tour
"History of Waukegan and the Waukegan Chapter"

Written by: Anna Nelson



This year the pre-war car tour did a modification, since it was October let's upgrade with the fall colors this year. The theme "The History of Waukegan and the Waukegan Chapter".

The Waukegan/North Shore Chapter, October 3, 2026, started the tour at McDonalds in Gurnee. Dan Helgren gave a nice short overview of the historic areas to look for that were indicated on the tour sheet. The drive started through farms along roads winding our way with lefts and rights through hidden neighborhoods that had never seen 20+ cars go through at one time. The homes ranged from mansion size to small and some very old. Entering Waukegan, the homes were of many different styles of architecture and years. This is where things became a little tricky, trying to follow the directions and watch for the iconic buildings, homes, and churches that were described on the tour sheet. We took a turn down Genessee Street, famous for the theater and in the hey day an event called "Scoop the Loop".









The view of some of the homes on our way to Waukegan.

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The Pre-war Car continues…

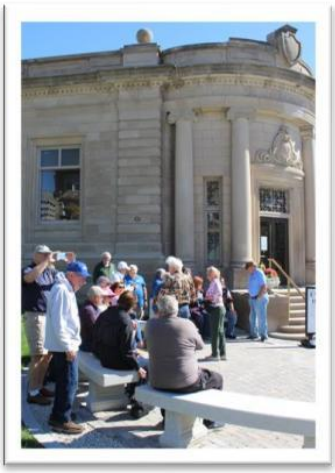
Our first stop was the new Waukegan History Museum located in the Old Carnegie Library. The same library Ray Bradbury spent time in checking out books, reading, and writing his stories. The museum restored the room that Ray Bradbury spent his time. It was filled with his private collection of books and his typewriters. The curator gave a speech and showed a video of his life in that room. She also explained, this building was part of the Carnegie Foundation of building libraries and the cities would need to maintain them. We were able to explore the building and the other exhibits on our own. A great spot for a group photo.



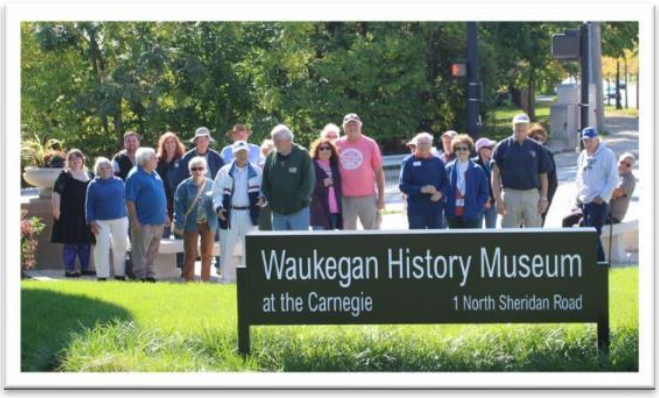
Above: Genesee Steet, where the Genesse theater is located and the street they used to "Scoop the Loop"







Above: front of the old Carnegie Library and the new Waukegan History Museum.
Right: our first stop, Gathering in front of the Museum.
Below: group photo.



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The Pre-war Car continues…





Above: the video of Ray Bradbury's life
Below: one of many museum displays

Above: the library room Ray Bradbury spent his youth.
Below: one of the displays in the stairwell





The second stop was located in Bowen Park. It was the Haines House museum. The house was built in 1870 and has all period furnishings. The house is huge with many rooms. It includes the bed President Lincoln used when he visited Waukegan, in one of the bedrooms.





Top: the front of the Haines House with Dan and Liz Helgren, and Richard Nelson
Left: the back of the Haines House

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The Pre-war Car continues…







Top: Living room / room with a fire place, if you look into the mirror, it is me taking the picture, / Richard Nelson studying a map in the study.



Top: Kitchen



Top: Dan Helgren in the Parlor



(PS: Richard is in the study, Anna is in the room with the fireplace, Dan is in the Parlor, Liz is in the bedroom, ready to play CLUE ?)

Left: When President Abraham Lincoln visited Waukegan and stayed the night, it was in a different location. This is the bed he slept in. It was moved to the upstairs bedroom in the Haines House for preservation.

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The Pre-war Car continues…

The tour continued to a small road into a section of grand mansions by the lake. Surprisingly, residents were putting up their Halloween decorations. I guess the trick was on them, seeing all those antique cars coming down their street, stopping, and telling them how much they like their decorations. The drive continued by the original clubhouse for the Waukegan chapter and several original members' homes in the area on the way to our final stop, the Quonset Hut Pizza.







Bottom left: home of the original Waukegan Chapter Clubhouse. Below: The garage that is the back of this house is the clubhouse.





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The Pre-war Car continues…

The Quonset building was opened in 1946. It is known for their fantastic sausage pizza. The secret is they make their own sausage.

Thanks to Dan Helgren, for this fantastic tour and sharing his Waukegan history knowledge with us and the desire of us wanting more!















Illinois Region Fall Tour

October 15 – 18, 2026

Written by Andy Voss

Photos by Andy Voss and Anna Nelson

A contingent of travelers from the four chapters of the AACA IL Region met for breakfast at the Americana Restaurant in Bollingbrook, Illinois, situated in the historic I-55 Truck Stop. Thus began a four day classic vehicle tour of sections of historic Rt. 66 and visits to such places as Manteno, Kankakee, Bourbonnais, Momence, Dwight, Gardner, and Wilmington, Illinois. Happy 100th Birthday Route 66!







After a short visit to the famous family owned Mancuso Cheese Company in Manteno, we journeyed to the nearby *Rad Rides by Troy, Inc*. for a guided tour of a unique shop where custom-made race cars are hand-made from the ground up. Many of their cars have set speed records at the Bonneville Salt Flats. Then it was a short drive to Mayberry Junction for lunch at a café with a *Andy Griffith Show* theme.













We ended the day at our motel in Bourbonnais to relax in a hospitality suite hosted by the Silver Springs Chapter.

Friday morning, after breakfast, the group set their odometers to zero and set out on a tour along the beautiful Kankakee River. Our first stop was at the historic B. Harley Bradley House, an early prairie home on the river designed and built in 1900 by architect Frank Lloyd Wright. Mr. Wright also designed a companion home next to the Bradley House called Hickox House. The Bradley House is now owned by the City of Kankakee, while the Hickox House is a private residence.



We than motored on, passing through the little town of Chebanse that was established by the Illinois Central Railroad in 1854. Lunch was in "bustling downtown" L'Erable, which was originally called Frenchtown for its French-Canadian settlers from Quebec. We chowed down at the Longbranch Restaurant which has been in the current family for three generations.



We then headed to Momence and stopped at an island in the Kankakee River at a beautiful park that was the home of the annual car show held by the Momence Chapter for many decades. A group photo was taken there among some of our classic cars.



Our next adventure was to Ian Helling's Momence Motorcar Museum which features a plethora of unique and interesting old "dusty" vehicles. Ian has been collecting his toy-like French-built cars for many years. Such an eclectic collection!















We then returned to our motel after the optional visits to Momence highlights, via Aroma Park. Many of the group retired to the hospitality room which was well-stocked with snacks and beverages provided by the host Silver Springs Chapter. Then to bed.

After morning breakfast and the drivers' meeting, we set out on Saturday's tour. First stop was to the French Heritage Museum in Kankakee which featured a bit of the history of settlers in the area.

Then, after a drive through corn country, we arrived at a pole barn that housed a magnificently restored collection of classic vehicles owned by Craig Long and Janice Krizik. They are members of the IL Region of the AACA and the Fox Valley Chapter. They greeted us in the parking area and escorted us inside to cookies and water. Craig spoke to the group for a long time about his "babies" (cars and tractors) and showed us around his collections. Sorry. No pictures of Craig's collection are available because of his no-photo policy.

Heading out once again, we stopped at Crazy 80's Car Museum in Dwight on historic Rt. 66. This museum is a collection of 1980's vintage cars and artifacts. The owner's goal is to feature every day cars of that period which any one of us might have owned. As an added bonus he escorted us to a nearby warehouse where he is keeping cars from the 1970's, but not yet open to the public.







After that, the group split up to view the remaining itinerary on their own. After a lunch the road took us to Rt. 66 destinations such as Gardner and Wilmington. In Gardner some members hooked up with the mayor who gave them a private tour of an old two-cell jail and a restored rail car diner. In Wilmington one of the icons is a large statue called the Gemini Giant that previously was on Rt. 66, but is now relocated to a nearby city park. A popular photo op.







From Wilmington, the tour took us back to our motel following the Kankakee River. The day ended with a banquet at Tucci's, a nearby Italian restaurant.

Sunday, the closing day of the tour, stops included Fair Oaks Farms with a optional visit to a Drive-In with a cruise night and concert.







Special thanks to our tour master Christopher Schurrer and to route tester Vern Fagerberg!

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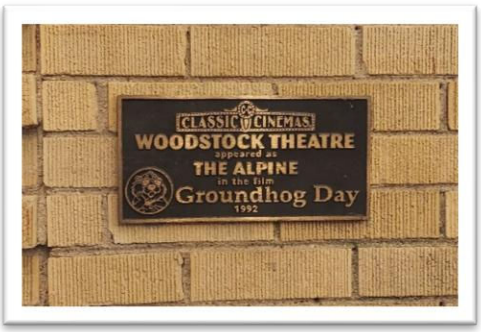
This last month the Fox Valley Chapter has been very busy. We co-sponsored the Dundee Historical Society 5th Annual Haunted Car Show. This event helps raise funds to keep the Society running. Thank you to every member who came out to show some very unique vintage cars and trucks and also bought raffle tickets. Congratulations to all the awards winners.

A Special Thank You to the Illinois Region of the Cadillac La Salle Club who joined us for this very special event.



On the 25th we had the Last Fling Drive Tour, which was a Gangster and Haunted afternoon/evening event. We started right across from where Baby Face was gunned down by FBI Agents. We also went to one of Al Capone's hide out places and the Stickney Mansion, which is a house built with no corners, so the ghosts had no place to hide. The Oakland Cemetery gave all of us the feeling we had an extra passenger. We drove by several Northwest suburbs as well as known places with paranormal activities and cemeteries filled with ghost stories. A tour of the Woodstock Opera House where we learned about Elvira and seat DD 14 and very well-known actors like Paul Newman, Orson Wells, Mickey Rooney who all played on this stage, and the production of the movie Groundhog Day also featured the Woodstock Opera House.





The haunted walk tour was very interesting for non-believers and believers, a very dark alley where a body was found and never claimed. By the

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way, no one dared to enter the alley, even with a flashlight in hand. And finally, a late dinner at a jail cell from the mid 1800's right under Woodstock City Hall, where we were the last customers of the day, or maybe not.

To everybody involved in planning these events "THANK YOU"

Stay tuned for more fun and events to come.

The Fox Valley Board of Directors



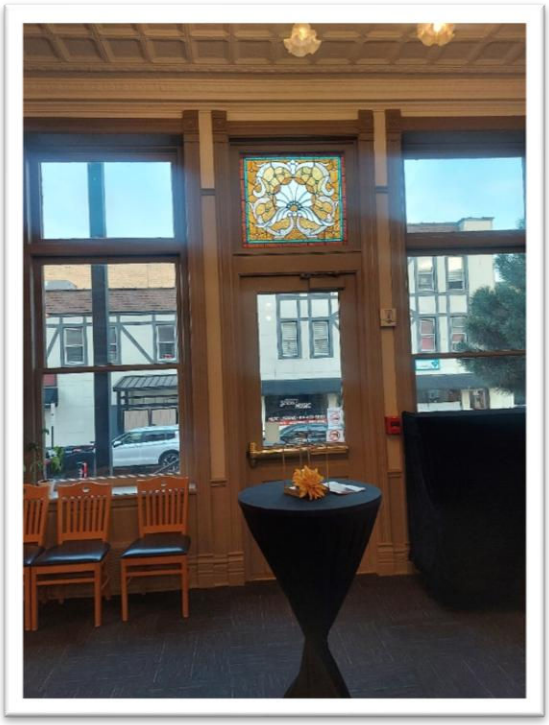


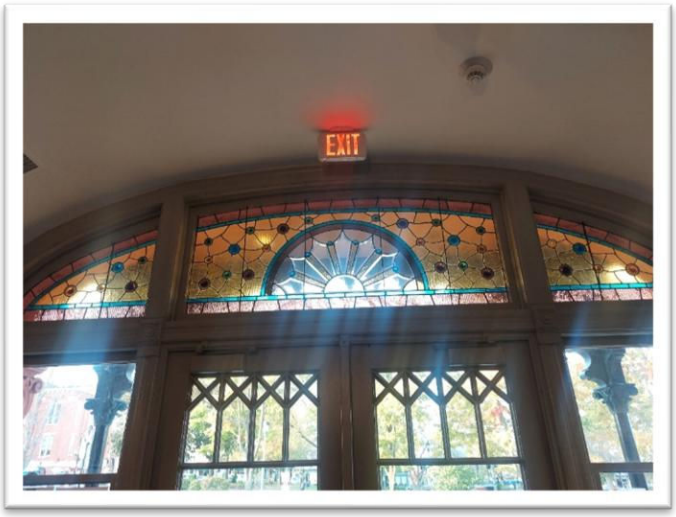






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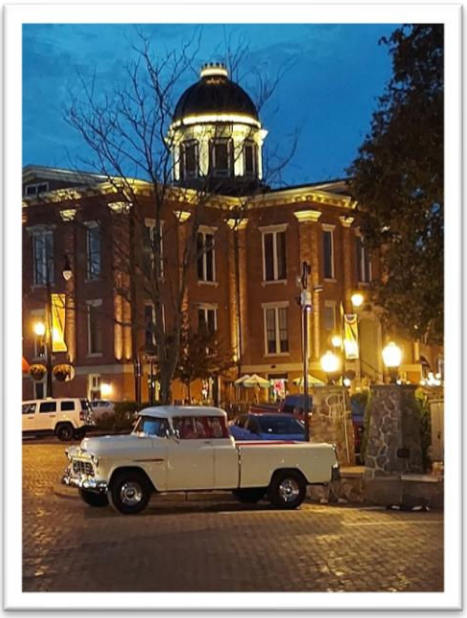


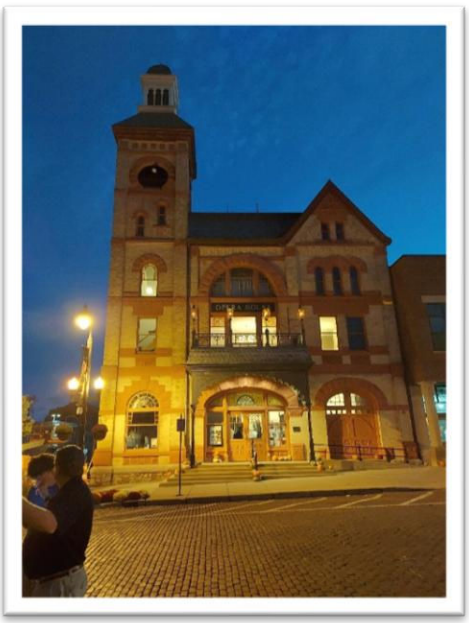


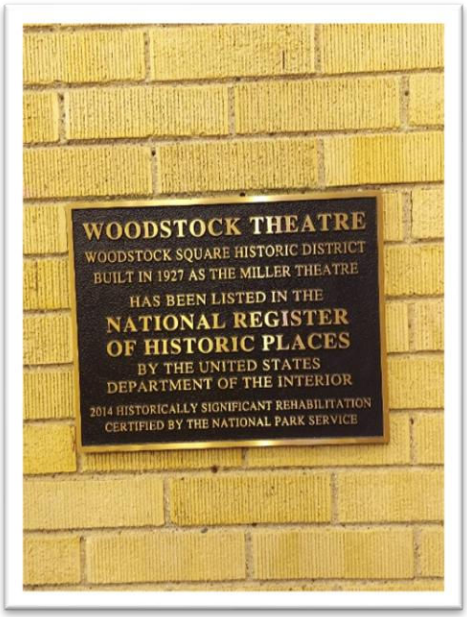




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Waukegan~NorthShore
Chapter AACA

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 AACA..... $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 AACA 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 AACA 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.



Cruise on over to the

The Gent's Lunch

Thursday, November 19th @ 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.



Waukegan/NorthShore AACA

Invites you to attend our annual

Holiday Party

Sunday, December 6, 2026

12:00 Social & Buffet Luncheon 1:00

With cash bar

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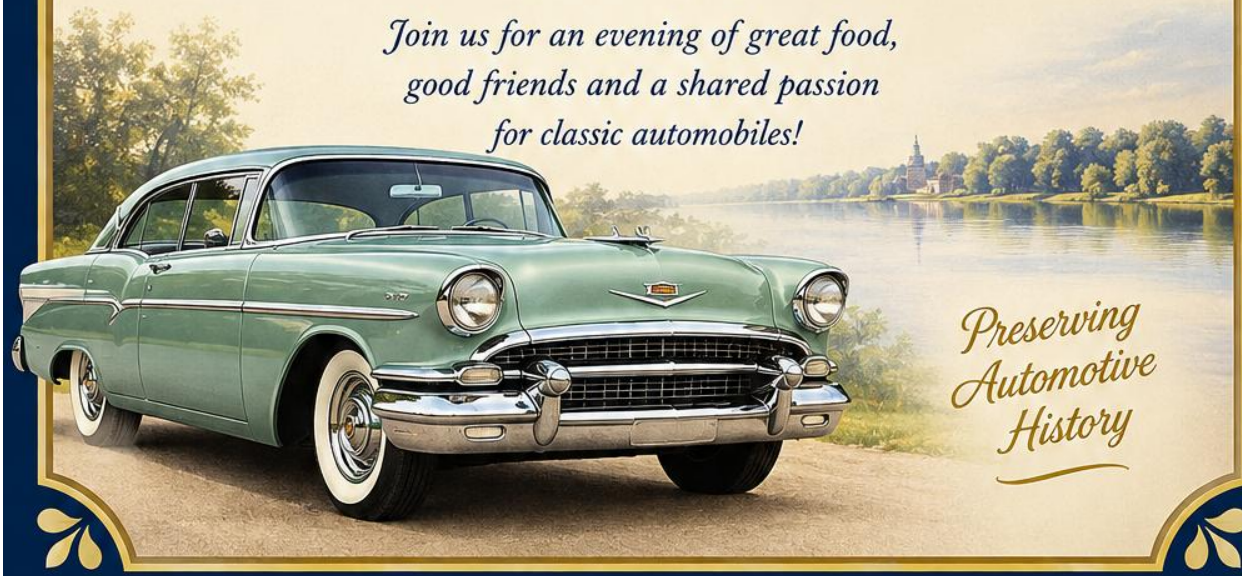
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Program Description:

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
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Northfield, IL 1:00 PM

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

August 26, 2026
Helen Plum PL
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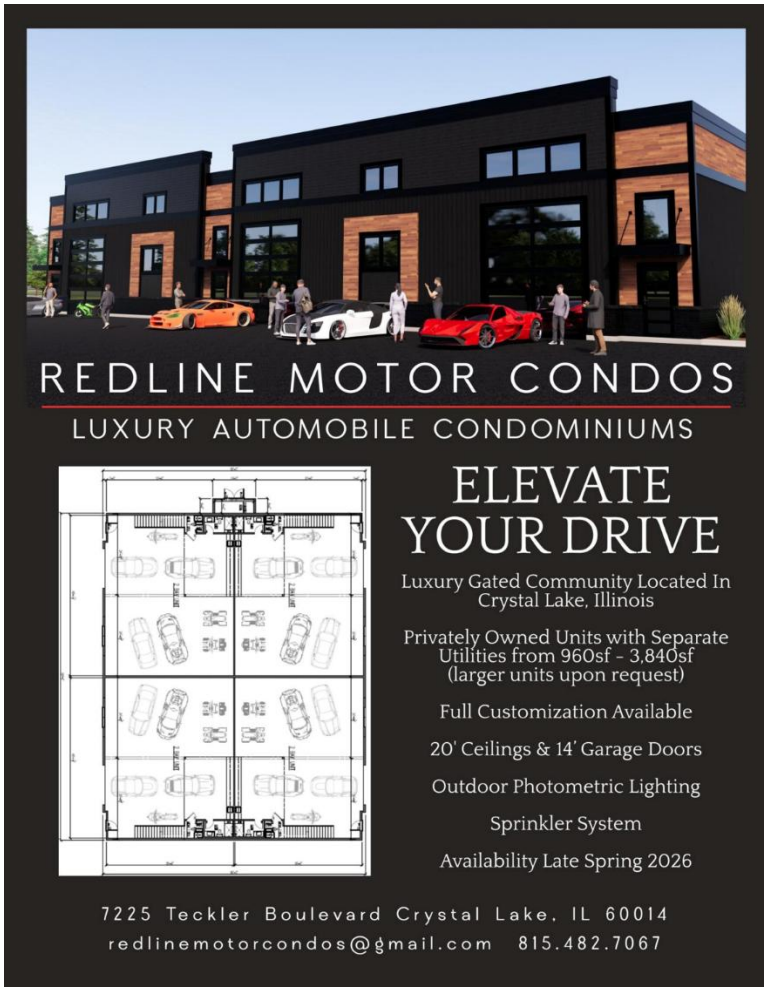
September 2, 2026
Green Hills PL
Palos Hills, IL 2:00 PM

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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1961 Plymouth 4 door, 50 M miles. Been sitting for 50 years. Needs to sell.
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****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. On site Mo - Sa 8a - 3p. Property is for sale - looking to sell glass quickly. Contact (815) 389-2326 with inquiries. ****

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Automobile Quarterly's for sale. All volumes from Volume ! through Volume 47. Also included are indexes for Volume 1 -20 and Volume 21-40.
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