



SIDELIGHTS



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We're Back.....



And cruising into a busy Car Season! A Special Thank you goes out to Pat Markert for her 6 years of being the Editor of Sidelights and to Dan Sobrysk for filling in the last couple of months. Hope you all enjoy!

Fox Valley Pizza Party

Just a reminder

Sunday May 5, 2019 from 4 - 7 PM

LOCATION: Pyramid Sports Bar & Pizza. 236 W. Lake Street. Addison, IL. 60101 Send in your reply and \$15 pp by May 1.

The 48th Annual Car Show & Swap Meet

Hosted by the Silver Springs chapter of the AACA, is scheduled for Sunday, May 26, 2019 at the Sandwich Fairgrounds. This is a premier event at a beautiful venue that you do not want to miss! See page 12 for details.

Silver Springs Club Tour Rockford, Il Saturday, May 4, 2019

Departing Earlville to visit the oldest restaurant in Rockford, Der Rathskeller, for lunch. Then off to Argyle to visit Paulson's Agricultural Museum and its vast collection of antique tractors, Rockford built items, windmills, and other gems.. We will end the day at Angelas's attic, a 35,000 sq. ft. antique mall in South Beloit. Contact: Chris Schurrer - hpdog259962@gmail.com or 815-382-0238

Spring Tour to Racine, WI **June 8 & 9**

If you have not received the hotel info, please let me know. Dan Sobczyk @ 847-977-0595. Please make your hotel reservations ASAP. Tour information will be coming out this week.

We have a great tour planned.

Upcoming EVENTS

May 4 — Silver Springs Trip Paulson's Argicultural Museum and antiquing. Contact Chris Schurrer hpdog259962@gmail.com or 815-382-0238.

May 5 - Fox Valley Pizza Party. See flyer page 11.

May 26 - Silver Springs Chapter Annual **CAR SHOW AND FLEA MARKET**. See flyer page 12.

June 8-9 - Region **SPRING TOUR** To Racine, WI. Hosted by Fox Valley Chapter. Information forthcoming.

June 15 - **REGION BOARD MEETING** hosted by Silver Springs.

July 21 - Region **CAR SHOW** at Cantigny Park in Wheaton. For more information contact Bob Markert (Show Manager) 630-852-9893 or rjmarkert42@ail.com. See page 14.

August 4 - Waukegan-North Shore **ILLINOIS RR MUSEUM TRANSPORTATION EXTRAVAGANZA SHOW**, Union, Illinois.

August 11 - Waukegan-North Shore **SUMMER PICNIC**.

Date TBD - Waukegan-North Shore **PRE-WAR TOUR**. More information to follow.

September 14 - **REGION BOARD MEETING** hosted by Waukegan-North Shore.

October 17-20 - **REGION FALL TOUR**. Hosted by Des Plaines Valley, Indianapolis Area.

November 4 - Waukegan-North Shore **RUN TO Brighton**. More information to follow.

November 9 - **REGION BOARD MEETING** hosted by Des Plaines Valley.

Date TBD - Waukegan-North Shore **CHRISTMAS PARTY**.

NATIONAL NEWS

For more information on National events see aaca.org

May 30 - June 1 - Annual Grand National Auburn, IN. 717-534-1910

June 2-7 - AACA Founders Tour - Nebraska Region - Seward, NE. Myron Smith, Tour Chairman- nebraaca@gmail.com

June 26 - 29 Springfield, IL - Oakland - Pontiac Worldwide Region Homecoming Tour, Open to all AACA Members 1908-1958 and Oakland Pontiac Owners. Contact: Marilyn Lewis - 618-295-3384.

Sept. 22-27 - Charlotte, NC Revival AAA Glidden Tour (1942 and earlier) Hornets Nest Region.

October 9-12 - Eastern Fall National Hersey Region, Hershey, PA.

Other Events of Interest



FRIDAYS, MAY 24-AUGUST 30, 2019 ~ 6-9PM

All Classic Cars Welcome on Main from Maple to Franklin

Featured Cars on Curtiss must be 25 years (1994) & older. Trophy awarded weekly.

Live Entertainment 7-9pm at the Main Street Train Station.

Featured Car Schedule

May 24th

Ford, Edsel, Mercury, Lincoln (No Mustangs)

♪ The BossyDog Band (Classic, Current Rock, Country & Pop Hits)

May 31st

ChevroletS (No Corvettes)

♪ The Stingers (Classic Rock R&B '60s-'70s)

June 7th

Model "T" and "A" Ford Clubs Night

(all non-club T's and A's welcome)

♪ SoulPatch Monkey (Classic Rock)

June 14th

Air Cooled (Corvair, Porsche, VW, etc.)

♪ Afternoon Logic ('60s-Today with a Modern Twist)

June 21st

No Show due to DG Rotary GroveFest

June 28th

Pontiac "GTO"

♪ The Wild Upside ('90s-Today)



ILLINOIS REGION

The Illinois Region serves northeastern Illinois. Meetings are held on the second Saturday of odd numbered months at various locations.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As you have probably noticed by now, Sidelights looks slightly different than it had before. I am pleased to announce that we have a new Editor for Sidelights, Laura Cielenski. She has been Editor for the Thunderbird Club's publication for some time and has agreed to assist us with continuing ours. The publication will be similar to how it has been before but will of course have some minor changes.

The most important thing is material. Without material to add in, there is not much of a publication. A new e-mail address has been set up to e-mail Laura articles, or ideas for Sidelights. It is aaca.sidelights@gmail.com. We are always looking for ideas and suggestions so please feel free to send a message out with what types of articles you specifically enjoyed seeing in Sidelights or articles you would like to see in future issues.

Car season is finally starting to arrive and there have been a handful of events and many more upcoming. Please keep a lookout for information and flyers on them. A major event upcoming is the Auto Show at the Sandwich Fairgrounds hosted by the Silver Springs Chapter. It is a wonderful "old-school" car show and swap meet hosted in a wonderful setting. If you have not been before, put it on your calendar. It is Memorial Day Sunday, May 26th. As in the past, there is a free tour offered by the Region for those who wish to caravan down to the show. It will begin in

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Monthly Recipe



Since Cinco de Mayo is coming up, here is a recipe for an easy dip to serve.

Beef Enchilada Dip

Ingredients

- 2 teaspoon oil
- 2 garlic cloves , *minced*
- 1 onion , *finely chopped*
- 1 lb ground beef
- 2 tablespoons taco seasoning
- 14 - 16 oz can refried beans
- 10 oz can Enchilada sauce of
- 14 oz black beans , *drained*
- 2 cups grated Monterey Jack or Cheddar Cheese
- Cilantro , *for garnish*

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350F.
2. Heat oil over high heat in a skillet. Add garlic and onion, cook for 3 minutes until translucent.
3. Add beef and cook, breaking it up as you go, until it changes from pink to light brown.
4. Add taco seasoning and cook until beef is browned.
5. Add refried beans and Enchilada sauce. Cook for 5 minutes or until thickens to your desired consistency. Stir through black beans.
6. Transfer to a heatproof bowl.
7. Top with cheese then bake for 15 minutes or until bubbly and golden.
8. Serve warm with corn chips, garnished with cilantro if desired

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South Elgin and stop in Sugar Grove (just off I - 88) for those who would be interested in going. Details on both are enclosed.

Also, June 8th and 9th is this year's Spring Tour, hosted by the Fox Valley Chapter. It is heading up for a weekend in Racine, Wisconsin. It is a fresh hotel only built 6 months ago and have a very contemporary look with all the modern amenities. Please make your reservations promptly to make sure you are able to get a room locked in.

See you further down the road.

Chris



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Paul & Melinda Maurer
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Congratulations



Chris Shurrer presents The Lichtfeld Award for Sportsmanship to Gary & Debbie Smithe.

Fender Making

A few pictures from the Des Plaines Valley event on March 23rd where they had a tour to the Lederer collection. They toured the car collection, the upholstery shop and the fabricating area.



Illinois Region Board Meeting Minutes

March 30, 2019

Host: Fox Valley Chapter

Mt. Prospect Library

President Chris Schurrer called meeting to order at 10:31 am.

Roll Call: Present: Chris Schurrer, Dan Sobczyk, Darlene Sobczyk, Bob Wenderski, Lee Nelson, Bob Market, Andy Voss, Bob Markert was proxy for John Otto, Steve Kolish, Nancy Nelson, Jerry Bodden, Jim Sikora, and Joan Bodden was proxy for Joanna Vroman. Excused: Al Matison, Dale Woosley. Guests: Gary and Debbie Smithe; Laura Cielenski.

Secretary's Report: Nancy Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Bob Markert seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Wenderski reported an opening balance of \$23,386.00 as of February 9, 2019. Income totaled \$303.00. Expenses totaled \$1,364.30. Closing balance as of March 30, 2019 of \$22,324.70. For the year so far, we are in the red of \$230.88. Bob Markert motioned to accept the report. Lee Nelson seconded. Motion passed.

Standing Committee Reports:

Membership - Andy Voss reported currently we have 149 memberships with a total of 262 members. Andy summarized the cost to produce one roster: \$3.06 of which \$1.45 is for mailing. He purposed to email the rosters to all who have email with hardcopies only to board members and those without email. After a discussion, members who want only the email copy not be sent a hardcopy and that most members prefer hardcopy; we will continue to mail out the roster. Chris stated National is offering a first time member of AACA free one year membership and reminded us, the region does the same. Chris pointed out at one time we had a pamphlet describing our club and the chapters - did we want to produce one again? Following a discussion, we would look into new pamphlets - depending on cost.

Publication - Laura Cielenski who is the current newsletter editor for the local Thunderbird car club (CTCC) and her Condo Association provided a presentation of her current work. She will be doing the Sidelights on monthly basis starting May 1, 2019 for us. The secretaries of each chapter with the exception of Waukegan/North Shore (they have a sidelights reporter) and the region secretary will forward Laura details of events (both past and future) for the region and chapters. She would like the information no later than the 20th of the month. Laura will be setting up an email address specific to the club. More details to follow.

Legislation Lee Nelson reported nothing much was happening. There are some rumblings of fees being increased, but nothing concrete. All antique plates will be expiring at the end of the year.

Website - Dan Sobczyk reported he was up to date. He also reported he will be doing the March newsletter by weeks end.

Archivist: 1) Chris Schurrer handed out a summary of the items he has accomplished since our February meeting. He is not up to date yet, but is getting there. And he still has a list of things he is working on. 2) Regarding the Antique Automotive Magazines, they will be given to National either at Hersey or Auburn. Bob Market and Bob Wenderski volunteered to deliver them for Chris to Auburn.

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Region Activities:

Swap Meet - Bob Markert stated they still need volunteers for Sunday from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Saturday is set. The food vendor is all set and if the weather is nice wants to set up outside. 28 vendors have signed up for 33 spaces and there are 5 pending vendors. No vendors are assigned the detail room yet, but that area normally is for the vendors who come the last minute on Sunday morning. There will be a club table this year.

Spring Tour - Dan Sobczyk reported we will be going to Racine area due to pricing of hotels and requirements in the Lake Geneva area. Hotel will be about \$129 for the one night not including taxes and fees. Tour will be June 8th and 9th. It was discussed that in the future moving the tour back to May, since hotel rates spike after the Memorial Day holiday.

Region Car Show - Per Bob Markert - we will be back at Cantigny again this year. The show will be the third Sunday, July 21st. Cantigny decided to waive their charge this year and they will be advertising the show on their website, Facebook, etc. Bob and two other members will be visiting the site to review parking situation etc. Dan Sobczyk explained Little City suggested we wait till next year since they will be moving into their facility at the same time as the show which might cause some problems. A discussion followed about whether or not to move the show; subject was tabled till after the show to see what accommodations Cantigny provided us.

Fall Tour - Per Lee Nelson still currently looking at the Indianapolis area. He worked on tour this past week-end

Chapter Reports:

Des Plaines Valley: Per Lee Nelson - The 23rd of March, they had a tour along with the Terraplane/Hudson group to the Lederer collection. There were about 60 people who attended; they toured the car collection, the upholstery shop and the fabricating area. Afterwards the group went to Sweet Baby Rays for lunch..

Fox Valley: Dan Sobczyk reported on Sunday May 5th from 4 to 7 pm they will have their pizza party. He is working on the spring tour.

Silver Springs: Andy Voss reported for Al: May 4th they will be having a one day tour in Rockford; July 28th another one day tour in Rockford; and working on the Sandwich show for May 26th.

Waukegan/North Shore: Chris Schurrer reported they had a Valentine Pizza party in February in Libertyville; past month had a St. Patrick's party, with 45 in attendance; will be having a dust off tour on April 28 to the Elmhurst area.

Old Business: None.

New Business: 1) Chris presented the Lichtfeld Award for Sportsmanship to Gary and Debbie Smithe along with a plaque. 2) Chris confirmed next board meeting date of 6-15-19. 3) Chris found an old Illinois Region Window Decal from about the 1980s. Should we look into having again? Everyone thought a good idea. 4) We have a request from National regarding the Director and Officers Insurance, to consider paying our portion. Bob Markert motioned to make payment and Dan Sobczyk seconded. Motioned past.

Visitor's Input: none

Bob Markert moved to adjourn. Nancy Nelson seconded.

Adjourned at 12:05 pm. Next meeting 6-15-19 hosted by Silver Springs.

Respectfully submitted, Darlene Sobczyk, Secretary

Recent Events:

By Laura Cielenski

"Spring Field Trip"

On April 6th AACA Regional Club Members came out to an event sponsored by the Illinois Region MARC & Classic Thunderbird Club of Chicagoland for a "Spring Field Trip". Everyone met at the Baltria Vintage Auto Gallery in St. Charles for coffee and donuts and to admire the Vintage Collection. After everyone headed over to the Powermaster Manufacturing Facility in West Chicago to tour their starter, generator and alternator restoration and manufacturing plant. The conclusion of the Spring Field Trip was lunch at Hawthorne's Backyard Barbecue.



Recent Events: (continued...)



15th Annual CTCC Tech Session

By Laura Cielenski

Thirty-eight CTCC and AACA members gathered on Saturday, April 13 at the garage and antique car collection of Frank Troost in Hillside, Illinois. The visit was arranged by Dick Murray from AACA. The cars are in a former machine shop with a wooden floor, surrounded by lumber yards.

As we munched on coffee and rolls Frank explained each of his cars. His Maserati which he drove in, Starmist Blue '57 Thunderbird, a Desert Sky Blue '03 'Bird, eight '55 - '61 Imperials and Chryslers, a '55 Dodge three tone, '70 Plymouth wagon, '48 yellow Studebaker, and a two tone '55 Oldsmobile with factory air conditioning.

Ken Smizinski began the Tech Session by answering two common questions. He is a Master 3 CTCI judge and has worked on 600 '55 - '57 Thunderbirds. The first topic of discussion was adjusting transmission bands. The second topic was the correct mounting of the engine front to rear. Then he held a brief question and answer. At the conclusion of the Tech Session 30 of us went to lunch at "Q's Restaurant" which featured Italian specialties.



43rd Annual Swap Meet

By Chris Schurrer

On April 7th, members from all over the Region convened at Don Mc Cue Chevrolet in St. Charles for our annual swap meet. The 43rd year was a successful one, with vendors once again filling the entire main swap area of the meet. Even with the threat of rain, the public came out more than the year before which kept us busy throughout most of the afternoon. The vendors were

busy too, as a steady stream of people going out to their cars with their new found treasures and back to into the building could be seen frequently for several hours.

A big thank you goes out to those who helped man a door, or work behind the scenes. The show cannot happen without their efforts.





Fox Valley Pizza Party

FOOD, FUN & FRIVOLOITY

DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 05, 2019 @ 4:00PM

NEW LOCATION NEW LOCATION NEW LOCATION

LOCATION: Pryamid Sports Bar & Pizza. 236 W. Lake Street. Addison, IL. 60101. Phone #630-458-0777. It is on the north side of the street in the Addison Green Meadows Shopping Center. It is set way back so be careful you don't pass it up. It is between N Mill Road and N Addison Road.

We have an open dining area in the front and plenty of parking. Use the entrance in the front of the building.

THE COST WILL BE \$15.00 PER PERSON.

BEER & WINE ON YOUR OWN

Please send the bottom portion of this flyer along with your check made out to the ***Fox Valley Chapter – AACCA***. We need your reply **by Wednesday, May 1, 2019**. Mail the reply to:

Dan Sobczyk, 822 Bannock Road, East Dundee, IL 60118

If you have any questions, please call Dan Sobczyk

@ 847-428-0247 or Al Benning @ 1-331-333-9161.

Hope to see you there

YES, I WILL BE ATTENDING THE FOX VALLEY PIZZA PARTY.

Name: _____

No. of People _____

TOUR TO THE



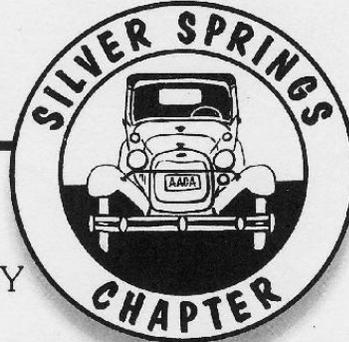
AUTO SHOW

At the Sandwich Fairgrounds

1401 Suydam Road
Sandwich, Illinois 60548

— SUNDAY —
May 26, 2019

8 am - 3 pm



SPONSORED BY

Antique • Classic • Special Interest Cars & Trucks

Flea Market • Parts Swap

CARS FOR SALE **CORRAL**

First 200 Cars Receive Collector Plate & Dash Plaque

Breakfast & Lunch On Grounds

Breakfast by the Somonauk Haymakers 4-H Club

Show Cars \$15.00 Car Corral \$20.00 Swap Spaces \$25.00

No Pre-Registration

Cars for sale in show area \$30.00

DONATION

Adults \$5.00 Under 12 Free

— No Pets Allowed —

AL MATISON 815-414-1239 or RICK SHAW 815-405-3656

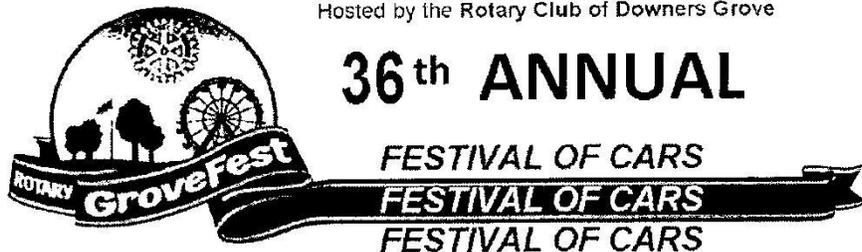
Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Mc Donald's. 453 Redington Dr. South Elgin, ILL

Departing South Elgin at 8:00 A.M. SHARP!

Pickup Point at 8:30 A.M. (Traffic Dependent, will wait 5 mins before departing) at McDonald's. 523 N. ILL Rt. 47 Sugar Grove, ILL

Tour is FREE!!! RSVP to Christopher Schurrer ☎(815) 382 - 0238

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Downers Grove



SAVE - THE - DATE

Sunday June 23, 2019

**Gate/Registration Opens: 8am
Registration Closes 11am
Show Ends at 3pm**

**Registration Fee: \$20
Pre-Register & Get a Free Lunch
Register at RotaryGroveFest.com**

To Festival of Cars from the North

Ogden Ave. to Main St. (Downers Grove)
Turn South on Main to Franklin St.,
Turn West on Franklin to Forest Ave.,
Turn South on Forest to entrance at Warren Ave.

To Festival of Cars from the South

North on Lemont Rd. (Main St. - Downers Grove)
Turn West on Maple Ave. to Carpenter St.,
Turn North on Carpenter St. to Curtiss St.,
Turn East on Curtiss to Forest Ave.,
Turn North on Forest to entrance at Warren Ave.

CAR SHOW HIGHLIGHTS

Across the Train Tracks from Rotary GroveFest
Food, Carnival Rides, Entertainment & Beer Garden
Various Award Classes (see website)
Dash Plaques to the first 200 participants
Split-the-Pot \$\$\$
Music by The Big Bopper DJ Service
Car Club Awards (see website)



See website for more info, registration and car classes

www.RotaryGroveFest.com



GroveFest & Festival of Cars hosted by the Rotary of Downers Grove "Service Above Self" www.dgrotary.org

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



71st Annual Car Show

July 21, 2019 * Cantigny Park

15151 Winfield Road, Wheaton, IL

JUDGED CARS: Must be 25 years or older (1994)

**DISPLAY ONLY: cars through 2018 and slightly modified
are welcome**

Featuring:

IMPORT CARS !

Field opens at 8:00 a.m.

IN THE DISPLAY ONLY area, the show allows stock and mildly modified vehicles through 2018.

Pre-Registration is recommended.

For detailed information or to Register visit :
www.IllinoisRegion.aaca.com/calendar

Questions? Contact :

Bob Markert (Show Manager) 630-852-9893 or
Bob Wenderski (Registrar) 847-234-2394



CANTIGNY PARK

There is a \$10 fee to get into the park and its exhibits. Bring the family and enjoy the day visiting, not only the car show, but also the beautiful Cantigny Gardens, the historic McCormick Mansion and the famed 1st Infantry Museum. Later in the day gather in the bandshell for a fun concert with Denny Diamond and the Jewels.

Circle your Calendars
Invitation for All Packard Enthusiasts
August 17th, 2019

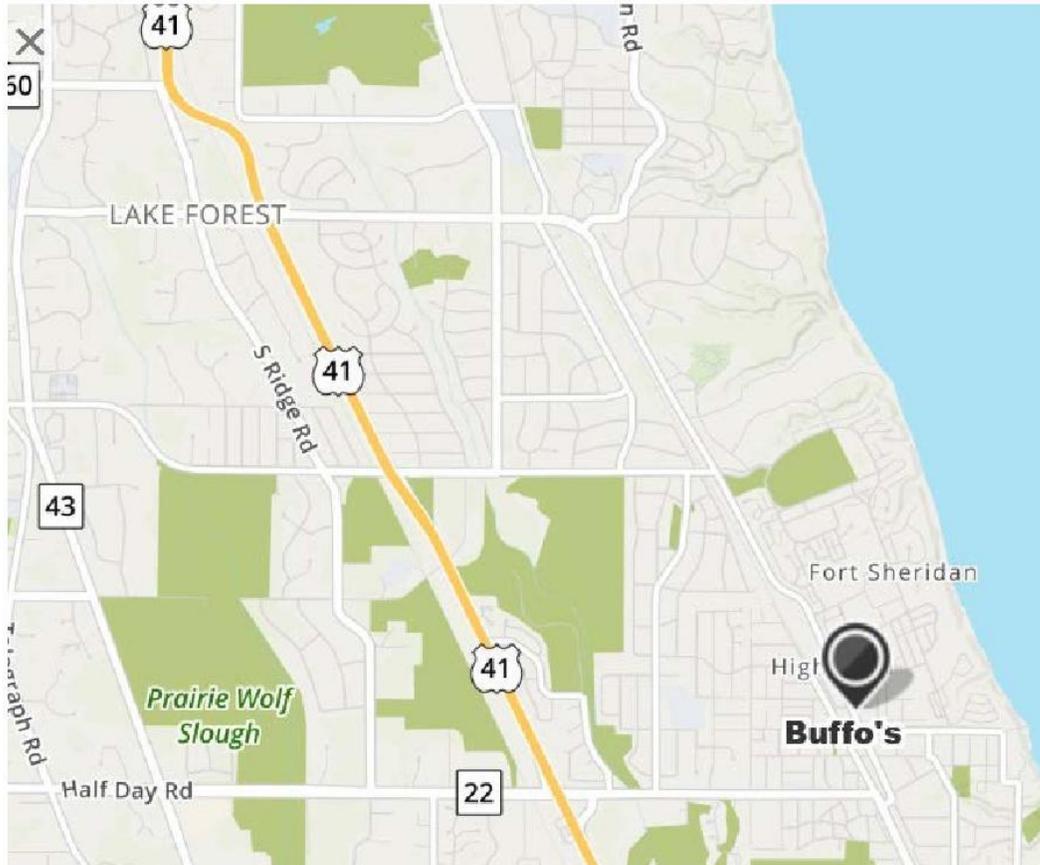


Each year Packards of Chicagoland hosts an evening out at a popular restaurant in the northern suburbs of Chicago.

Packards Only Night at Buffo's, 431 Sheridan Road, Highwood, Illinois 60040, features great camaraderie among Packard enthusiasts, good food and beverage, and a spectacular display of Packards.

This year the event is scheduled for 4:30 - 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 17, 2019. Registration is free and food is ordered off of Buffo's regular menu. If you intend to participate or want more information, contact John Maxson at jsmaxson@aol.com.





Map for -
Packard Only Night
Dinner at Buffo's



FOR SALE!

New in the box: Torin Big
Red 3.5 Gallon Model
#T-10035 Bench Top Parts Washer.
w/110v electric pump. Approved for
use with mineral spirits or
biodegradable cleaner. \$60.00 or
best offer. John at 847-370-6902.
Email: palka@att.net.

