



# SIDE LIGHTS



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**COMING SOON.....**



**Board Meeting & Annual Members Meeting! Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> @ 10am at the Earl Township Hall in Earlville. See page 12 for more details.**

**RSVP to Al Matison by January 11<sup>th</sup> (815) 414-1239 or [almatison@hotmail.com](mailto:almatison@hotmail.com)**

**Silver Springs CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be held Saturday, January 11th at the Village Courtyard Restaurant, 120 W. Market St., Somonauk, IL 60552.

**Fox Valley CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be held on Saturday, January 25th at the Bohemian Crystal Restaurant at 639 Blackhawk Dr, Westmont, IL 60559. See page 13 for details.

**HAPPY★NEW★YEAR**

**2020**

# Upcoming EVENTS

## NATIONAL NEWS

For more information on National events see [aaca.org](http://aaca.org)

**January 18 - REGION BOARD MEETING & ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING** @ the Earl Township Hall, Earlville, IL. Contact Al Matison 815) 414-1239. See page 12 for details.

**January 11 - Silver Springs CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be held at Village Courtyard Restaurant, 120 W. Market St., Somonauk, IL 60552. Cocktails at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6:00 pm.

**January 25 - Fox Valley CHRISTMAS PARTY** at Bohemian Crystal Restaurant at 639 Blackhawk Dr, Westmont, IL 60559 See Page 13 for details.

**February 6-8 - Annual Convention - Philadelphia, PA**



**DUES ARE NOW PAST DUE!** Reminder - Please pay your 2020 Illinois Region Dues (\$23) as soon as possible if you have not paid them yet. Your renewal needs to be received soon for your information to be included in the new roster which will be printed soon. Use the renewal form attached to this newsletter on pages 14 & 15.



## 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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All materials should be submitted by the 20th of the month or sooner.

#### BOARD MEMBERS:

##### Through 2019

Steve Kolish  
Bob Markert  
Nancy Nelson

##### Through 2020

Jerry Bodden  
Jim Sikora  
Joanna Vroman

##### Through 2021

John Otto  
Dan Sobczyk  
Dale Woosley

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Silver Springs President: Al Matison  
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*Chapter meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at member homes.*

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President: Chris Schurrer  
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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



As we look forward to 2020, we are also looking forward to a new "old car season" full of great events with fantastic company. This year is likely to be one of the most action-packed years our Region has seen in some time, and we hope to see all of you at the various doings throughout the year. A calendar should be out at the middle or end of this month, highlighting the peak of the "touring season", April through November. Although it will not be set in stone (look for actual flyers and news in Sidelights for official information), it will most likely be a very good guide on which to plan what is upcoming.

But even in winter, the humming of plans coming into place can be heard. The Waukegan - North Shore Chapter is hard at work at pinning down the hotel and stops for the Spring Tour, and will most likely have the dates and hotel confirmed by the middle of this month (keep a lookout for a save the date with the reservation information). The Silver Springs Chapter is also making preparations for the Fall Tour. Winter may seem long, but it will most likely go quickly with anticipation of these two multi-day events.

It's not just tours, work is already starting on our Region Swap Meet held as always at Don Mc Cue Chevrolet in St. Charles in April. A flyer should be forthcoming soon, and, as always, we are also looking for people who would be interested in helping out both in getting the word out and planning for the meet, as well as day of hands on help. Please let me know if you would be interested.

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# Monthly Recipe



A nice side dish with dinner.

## Sauerkraut & Noodles



### Ingredients:

- 1 Bag of Wide Egg Noodles
- 1 can of Sauerkraut
- 1 stick of butter or margarine
- 1 grated onion
- Sugar to taste

### Instructions:

- Cook noodles according to package directions.
- Rinse and drain Sauerkraut very well.
- In a frying pan, melt butter or margarine, add grated onion and saute for a few minutes. Add Sauerkraut and sugar to taste.
- Cook about 45 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add noodles and cook till all is hot.

## Illinois Region Board Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2019

Host: DesPlaines Valley Chapter

Crestview Library

President Chris Schurrer called meeting to order at 11:04 am.

**Roll Call:** Present: Chris Schurrer, Dan Sobczyk, Darlene Sobczyk, Bob Wenderski, Lee Nelson, Al Matison, Bob Markert, Andy Voss, Dale Woosley, Joanna Vroman, Nancy Nelson, Jim Sikora and Jerry Bodden. Absent: John Otto and Steve Kolish. Guest: Bill Vroman.

**Secretary's Report:** Darlene asked if any further corrections to the September 21<sup>st</sup> revised board minutes were needed. Jerry pointed out the misspelling of statute. So noted and will be corrected. Bob Markert made a motion to accept the revised minutes. Jerry Bodden seconded. Motion passed.

Previous corrections made by Jerry Bodden were 1) Lee commented about Illinois title cost going up by \$50 to \$150. 2) Under new business Jerry proposed a discussion regarding an Illinois Region financial contribution to the National AACA, Discussion was table to next meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Wenderski reported; 1) an opening balance of \$23,920.14. Income totaled \$1,545.00. Expenses totaled \$622.00. With an ending balance as of November 9, 2019 of \$24,843.14. 2) For the year the club has a profit of \$2,287.56. 3) As of the 11-9-19 there are 125 paid members this number does not include life time members. A motion was made by Al Matison to accept the treasurer's report. Jim Silora seconded. Motion passed.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Andy Voss reported before 9-21-19 we have 149 Members; currently have 93 renewals of which 22 are Life time members; 56 to go yet. Andy past out a list of life time members for review. He will have a list of non-renewal at the next meeting. Andy requested a stamp for the back of checks which was given to him. Andy agreed to stay on as Membership Chairman for 2020.

**Publication** - Chris reported nothing new. Andy will ask Laura to place a reminder in the sidelight that the 2020 dues are due by 12-31-2019.

**Legislation** Lee Nelson reported nothing is happening, he is waiting for the shoe to drop. Bob Wenderski reported he received his license plate renewal notices from the Secretary of State on his antique vehicles. Lee agreed to stay on as Legislation Chairman for 2020.

**Website** - Dan Sobczyk reported he everything is fine. Dan will look into achieving old tour flyers from the website. Dan agreed to stay on for 2020.

**Archivist** - Chris Schurrer reported he picked up a collection from All Benning which he has been going through. Regarding the club logo image Dan requested, it was suggested that he contact Laura McDonald, possibly she might be of help. Chris is looking for a tour sheet from the tour to Baraboo that occurred in 1989. He mentioned the Waukegan/North chapter is thinking of Baraboo for the Spring Tour in 2020. Chris will continue for 2020.

**Ballot Committee** - So far they have received two nominations: Nancy Nelson and Joanna Flynn. They still need 2 more. The deadline for the ballots to be returned is December 31<sup>st</sup>. The ballots must be sent no later than November 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>. Bob Markert stated that Jim Sikora has accepted the chairmanship for 2020. Bob was thanked for all the work he has done.

### **Region Activities:**

**Fall Tour 2019:** Lee Nelson reported had nice weather. Went to the Stutz Building - went to the Speedway - saw some private collections - had a nice banquet with a guest speaker- good turn-out. Per Lee, individuals that could not make the tour and want a Dash plaque can purchase one. And on Sunday they visited to Tippecanoe.

**Swap Meet for 2020:** Bob Markert stated the date of the event is April 5, 2020. Dale stressed the need for starting to advertise and the need for flyers. The flyers are needed for the January meeting. A new food vendor is needed.

**Spring Tour 2020:** Chris Schurrer looking into Baraboo or Galena. No date set yet, possibly the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 1<sup>st</sup> week in June. It was mentioned the date might conflict with the Auburn, Indiana meet.

**Region Car Show** - Bob Markert reported he has been in touch with Cantigny. The show will be the same as this year without a rate change. They want our show to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month due to parking problems since the facilities are also rented to others. A suggestion was made to have vehicles from the military museum also in our show.

### **Chapter Reports:**

**Des Plaines Valley:** Lee Nelson mentioned his chapter possibly will have a tour in the fall of 2020 and will be open to all region members. John O'Halloran is currently working on an idea.

**Fox Valley:** Dan Sobczyk reported not much happening. The Christmas party (1-25-2020) is on again and most likely at the Bohemia Crystal again.

**Silver Springs:** Al Matison reported they had a fall picnic at Al's. They are currently working on the plates for the Sandwich show. Their next meeting will be their Christmas party.

**Waukegan/North Shore:** Chris Schurrer reported: 1) the pre-war tour was in Wisconsin which was combined with the Gas and Brass car club. Many of the Brass club members used modern cars and turnout was low plus the weather was not good. They might be thinking of changing the date of this tour along with changing the date of the Brighton Run because of weather conditions. The pre-war tour date will probably be changed but not the Brighton Run. 2) The Brighton Run had about 60 cars preregistered with a total of about 75 to 80 vehicles in attendance. The weather wasn't the best but it was a nice tour. The touring was on different roads, very scenic with winding roads. During the route, the group caught a glimpse of a fox hunt.

**Old Business:** 1) By-Law Change For Spring Tour: Chris advised no change is needed. 2) AACA National Building Fund: Jerry Bodden handed out an overview listing various levels. It was felt since we are the oldest region we should make a donation. Al Matison motioned to contribute at least \$1,000 and Andy Voss seconded. Since there were several questions not answered, the matter was chaired until additional research could be conducted. Jerry will look further into the matter. Dale stated we should not limit ourselves. 3) AACA National Insurance Coverage: The region received a bill from National for the D&O coverage in the amount of \$110. Bob Markert motioned to pay and Al Matison second. All agreed. Motion passed.

**New Business:** 1) CCCA Member Proposed to combine Fall Tours: Chris mentioned the President of CCCA approached him with a suggested that the clubs do a combined Fall tour for 2020. The matter was tabled since we need to review our Guidelines and the By-Laws. Al Matison mentioned they will be running the fall tour and they might be staying close to home possibly the Yorkville area.

**Visitor's Input:** none

Al Matison moved to adjourn. Dale Jim Sikora seconded.

Adjourned at 12:52 pm. Next meeting: January 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> which is a double meeting and hosted by the region.

Respectfully submitted, Darlene Sobczyk, Secretary

# THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued...)

Lastly, I wish to thank all of you for the support I have received as President of the Illinois Region these past two years. It is that plus decades more that has made this group a great one to be at the helm of. Due to personal stringent time constraints, I will be stepping down as President at the conclusion of my term at the Region Board Meeting this month. It will be then, the board will vote for your Region Officers of 2020. I know they can count on the same level of support I have received during my tenure. But this is certainly not an adieu, as I will certainly be found working in all corners of the Region to continue to ensure that the Illinois Region is the best car club around. Thank you again for allowing me to serve as President for the past two years.

See you further down the road.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER!



Douglas Harland

[DRH4683@gmail.com](mailto:DRH4683@gmail.com)

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Manuel & Lizbett Bejar

[manuel@mbgarage.com](mailto:manuel@mbgarage.com)

# Region Member News

## OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

The Families of Marlene and John Tust

Pat Markert received a card from the Tust family informing her that John passed away in April of 2019 and Marlene passed away in November of 2019.

They were former members of the Illinois Region and members of the Waukegan/North Shore Chapter. They had attended many Spring and Fall tours. They will be missed.

## OUR CONDOLENCES TO:



Al Moody (Waukegan-North Shore Chapter) on the passing of his wife Joan on December 3, 2019. A "Celebration of Life" will be at a later date.

## IN MEMORIAM:



It is with much sadness to inform you that Warren Lauridsen passed away on December 17, 2019.

Warren was a long-time member of the AACA region and past president, 1996-97. He was a life member of the region along with being a member of the Waukegan/North Shore and Fox Valley Chapters.

## IN MEMORIAM TO:

It is with sadness to inform you of the passing of Francis Radtke who passed away on September 9th. He was President of the Region in 1986 and in 1983 he received the Litchfield award. He was an excellent self-taught mechanic restoring many Ford Model A's and T's engines. He restored one of Jim Manz' vehicles. We understand his wife has moved to Florida.



### His Obituary:

Francis Bernard Radtke was born May 15, 1932 in Lombard, IL to John and Mary (O'Leary) Radtke. He passed away on September 9, 2019 in Webco Manor at the age of 87.

Francis had worked for State Farm Insurance Company as a claim's adjuster. He had served in the United States Air Force. He was Catholic in faith.

Preceding him in death were his parents, and three brothers.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Radtke; children, Sharon Griffith, Ellenton, FL, Allen Radtke, Gulfport, MS, and William Radtke, Walton, NY; 4 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

## Vintage Photographs: By John Halloran



Back at the Essanay Film Co 1925. Muggs my Nag and Marmon touring car. The Indian Agent building, and the church block out a six-flat building across the alley on Argyle Street. When this studio was built this neighborhood was a suburb of Chicago. I used to sneak off lead horses from the Broadway livery stable out to the Des Plaines River west of Chi. For the action shots. Also double for girls and women. That was about 1910 when Wally Beery, Mary Pickford, Bronco Billy Anderson were the stars getting their start.

*(The photo is an E-Bay find years ago, written on the back side in inkwell ink by presumably one of the men in the photo. It was taken at Essanay Studio on the north side in 1925. This is only two blocks from my partner Rob's house, he's on Winona, and the studio is still standing only now it's a college. I know exactly what 6 flat the commenter is talking about. I was told after I had this picture for some time that it had been featured on the History Channel but I've never been able to find a link. I did loan it to Jeff Stumb for the Marmon Club publication. But our own IL Reg members haven't seen it and its part of our territory! The writer mentions the Des Plaines River, that is appropriate as I am the Des Plaines Chapter secretary. John O'Halloran)*

## Vintage Photographs: (continued...)



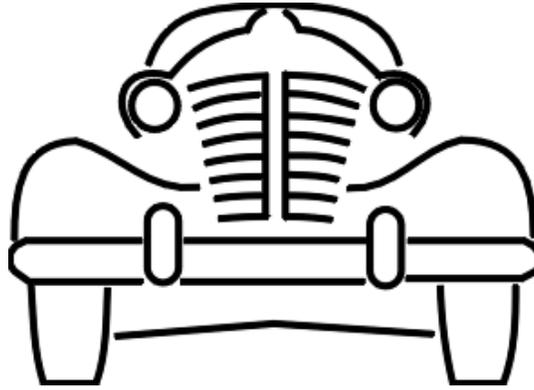
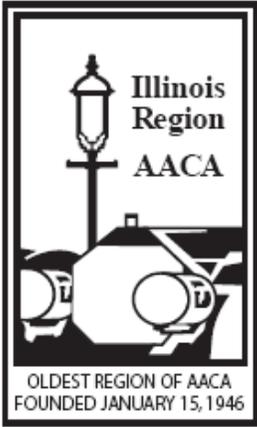
Miss Moody was the daughter of the Hudson dealer in Elgin, IL. The photos are from 1915. The car is a new Hudson Six-40. Moody Motors was in business for a number of decades, and the building was up until the 1980s or '90s. I was in there in the 1980s, shown around by Elgin native

Gunnar Carlson, who used to hang with the Moody people. He pointed out a board in the upstairs office, knotty pine, that went through the saw mill with a bullet embedded. Sadly the building was razed for the riverboat. How unnecessary.



The Rambler is about a 1902 or '03 model, very early. I have several photos of the family with the car, unfortunately there is no identification.





**AACA Illinois Region Board Meeting &  
Annual Members Meeting  
(Hosted by the Region Board)**

**January 18, 2020  
First Meeting – 10:30 a.m.  
Lunch – 12:00 p.m.  
Second Meeting - 1:00 p.m. (or sooner)**

**Earl Township Hall  
1506 US 34  
Earlville, IL 60518**

**RSVP to Al Matison by January 11<sup>th</sup>  
(815) 414-1239  
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Contact: Chris Schurrer by January 4th  
(815) 344-3775  
hpdog259962@gmail.com**

**Board members should contact Chris Schurrer with any suggested items for the agenda by  
January 11th**



**HO, HO, HO**

***It's time for the Fox Valley Christmas Party.  
Come join us for fun, food and frolicking !!***

We'll be gathering on Saturday, **January 25, 2020** at the  
**Bohemian Crystal Restaurant**  
639 Blackhawk Dr. Westmont, Il.  
Phone 1-630-789-1981.

**(Directions on the reverse side.)**

**The party will start at 4 PM with dinner at 5 PM**

**PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE**

A cash bar is available.

***The cost is \$20.00 / person for Fox Valley members.  
We will have a short business meeting and election of officers.***

Bring a gift for our Christmas Gift Exchange. Please keep the gift value around \$10 and mark the outside of the package to indicate a man or woman's gift.

**If you have any questions, please call Dan Sobczyk @ 847-428-0247.**

***Please respond by JANUARY 20, 2020.***

***Sorry, no refunds will be given for no-shows or late cancellations.  
Please include your cell phone # in case of weather related problems.***

Send in the bottom portion along with your check to:

**Dan Sobczyk, 822 Bannock Road, East Dundee, Il 60118.**

***Make you check payable to the AACA Fox Valley***

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***YES, I will be attending the 2020 Fox Valley Christmas Party***

YOUR NAME & CELL PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PEOPLE: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

***PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME - PARTY STARTS AT 4pm***

## 2020 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 ONE below:**

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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Andy Voss  
 2588-B Rock Creek Road  
 Plano, IL 60545**

AACA NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE/  
 PARTNER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

(Necessary to receive Region mailings by email)

**Dues must be received by DECEMBER 31, 2019 to be included in the 2020 Roster.**

**Would you like the 2020 Roster sent to your e-mail address instead of by U.S. mail? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_**

**Put a check mark in front of the chapters to which you belong:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Des Plaines Valley

\_\_\_\_\_ Silver Springs

\_\_\_\_\_ Fox Valley

\_\_\_\_\_ Waukegan-North Shore

**PLEASE COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE OF FORM ONLY IF THERE ARE CHANGES!**

### ANTIQUUE 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



# 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](mailto:palka@att.net).

One, new in the box Menards Performax Air Filtration system, table or ceiling mount 3 speeds w/remote control. perfect for woodworking area, traps 1 micro inner, 5 microns outer filters, w/timer. \$125.00 OBO Contact John Palka cell 847-370-6902 or e mail [palka@att.net](mailto:palka@att.net)



## 1968 Cadillac DeVille Convertible



The time in my life has come, for a change in our lifestyle and priorities that we have. Diane and I have come to the conclusion and sad realization that we should sell the Cadillac.

The Hobby and the people involved, has bestowed on us adventures, memories and very enjoyable times. So, I would like to pass on these thoughts to the new owner, if they are new in the Hobby. Join a car related club, and it will open a whole new world for you, access to information and parts if needed for This Eye catching cruiser.

This Cashmere Ivory colored vehicle, with a Black

fabric convertible top, with a Glass rear window is ready for the road. It has Black Leather Seats and Interior. No problem with the A/C on during the summer. It was converted to 134a by the previous owner. It sports New white wall tires, around 1,000 miles on them. the Automatic transmission was rebuilt by AAMCO around 3,000 miles ago. The car was Z Barted by a previous owner. The Chrome and Bright work are in very good condition.

I consider this garage kept well maintained nice "20-footer" Fun to drive, touring car worth the top end of the spectrum of The Old Cars Price Guide

#1 value of this example is \$41, 700. But this nice yellow "20" footer touring car is considerably less, and affordable, it can be yours for considerably less

for only \$17,000. I feel this is a fair retail price for this well maintained, fun to drive 80,000 mile automobile. If you are really interested contact me (Alan Benning) at

[benningalan@gmail.com](mailto:benningalan@gmail.com)

