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Greater Illinois Region/CCCA
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"Let's go for a ride"

M. Blevins, editor

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Message from the Regional Director

This is my last message as GIRCCCA Regional Director. This is the only position on the BOD that has a term limit. I have enjoyed my three years and agree that we should have a new Director with new talent and abilities every three years.

At first I thought what did I agree to? Similar to serving in the military. I was taught that if you are going to do something, do it right and to the best of your ability. (You can see how old I am.) It has been a true honor and I am proud to have been your Director.

You will be in very good hands this next term. You have two very qualified members that are going to share the Regional Director position. Russ Rodriguez & Mark Smith are both very qualified & long time GIRCCCA members. New to the BOD are Mike O'Toole and Charles & Joan Falk.

I would like to thank all our BOD members for the support, time & effort they have given to truly make GIRCCCA one of the most successful chapters in the Classic Car Club.

Tom Roche,
GIRCCCA Regional Director



GIRCCCA 2014 Events

November 16 - Annual Dinner and Installation of new Officers - 2 pm **Arlington Park - Save the Date!** Your sign-up Sheets are enclosed! This is our final event of 2014 and it will be a good one. Please Note: RSVP's need to be in by **NOVEMBER 10th**.



Kathy and Roger Eckhart for all the time and effort they put into planning a great weekend!

The Fall Tour to Shipshewana was a wonderful outing! Thanks to Dan & Darlene Sobczyk and



Trivia

The name "taxicab" is derived from the two words, "taximeter" and "cabriolet". The former was invented in 1891 and is used to record distances and calculate the fare. The latter refers to a horse drawn carriage where the driver stands in the back of the carriage.



The name "taximeter" itself is derived from the Mid-Latin "taxa", meaning "tax, charge".

Studebaker

Studebaker Brothers Manufacturing Company became the world's largest manufacturer of wagons and buggies, entering the automobile market in 1902 with an electric car. The second electric car they produced was purchased by Thomas Edison.

While South Bend retained the horse-drawn vehicle trade, the auto manufacturing was moved to Detroit, eventually returning back to its Indiana roots.

In 1907, Studebaker acquired Tincher Motor Company but ceased production in 1908, making it so rare a car there is believed to be only one in existence.

Like other manufacturers, during the war years they supplied the Allied forces with trucks. 'Studebaker' became Russian slang for truck, they were so abundant.

Studebaker also produced 'The Weasel' - an all terrain vehicle that the military eventually came to rely heavily upon. By the end of the war 15,000 had been built.

Studebaker became the first company to produce a post-war automobile. "First by far with a postwar car" became their advertising line.



Editor's Corner



Well, I did it again! Playing that game of car buffs - 'What car would YOU drive out of here?' I looked around at all the beautiful Hudsons in the Museum. It only took a second to decide. "I'll have my chauffeur drive me home in that one" I said, pointing to the luxurious 1928 4-Door Town Car. Reading the sign on the wall a little later I found out it was the rarest car in the place. Leave it me. I swear you could blindfold me, turn me loose and I would still pick out the most expensive item in the store - or the museum in this case. It's nice to know I have good taste!

The car in question was customized as a 'day' car for one Mrs. Fredrich William Schmacher who requested that it not look like a Hudson. There were jump seats for her guests, a microphone that enabled her to communicate with her driver, a lighted handheld mirror installed for her convenience and a portable writing desk that could be attached to the back of the driver's seat. There were no drive through restaurants back then, but a table in the car would sure make eating fast food a lot more stylish! Chauffeur - White Castle please!



Maureen

JR Hostetler, the owner's son, was kind enough to point out the finer features of the car for me.



Geneva Concours 2014

1941 Chrysler Thunderbolt Factory Show Car -



- one of only 5 produced

The local concours d'elegance, which helps benefit the Pediatric Programs at Cadence Health and LivingWell Cancer Resource Center, was held in August. A number of our members participated in the event, which drew over 20,000 spectators to downtown Geneva, IL. The 2015 concours is scheduled for August 23rd.

Some of the beautiful V12s and V16s on display.



photos courtesy of Sheila Joynt

*Alan Legg's
1934 Packard*



Dennis Sobieski's 1934 Packard

*Some of the Italian cars
- including a 1954 Maserati A6GCS Sports racer (nc)*



Fall Tour -Shipshewana, IN - September 26 - 27, 2014

The weather could not have been better! It was an easy drive out to Amish country, with the first stop being the Studebaker Museum in South Bend.

The one Classic on the tour was Mark Smith's 1930 Packard Roadster. Dan and Darlene Sobczyk rode in style in their 1965 Cadillac Calais, Russ Rodriguez brought out his 1958 Packard Hawk, Chris Schurrer was in a '56 Oldsmobile Super 88 and Bill and Virginia Hexamer looked sporty in their 1987 Alpha Romeo 'Graduate'. The rest of the group made the trip in their 21st Century machines.

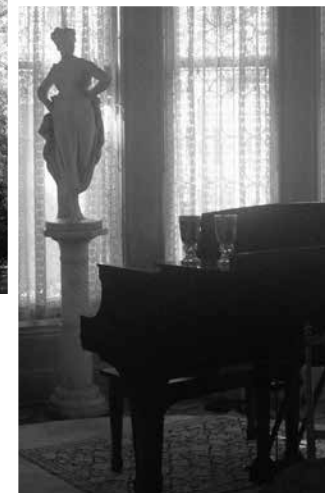


The Studebaker Museum and the 38 room Oliver Mansion comprise the Center for History in South Bend, IN.

The Studebaker Museum is home to four Presidential carriages, including Abraham Lincoln's.

The Mansion is said to be the only one in the country in which all furnishings are original to the home.

Both are fascinating!



An outstanding dinner at a custom made table for 30 people! Black raspberry cream and pecan pies for dessert - I think we ALL ate too much!

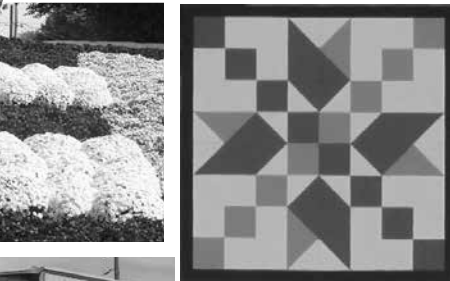
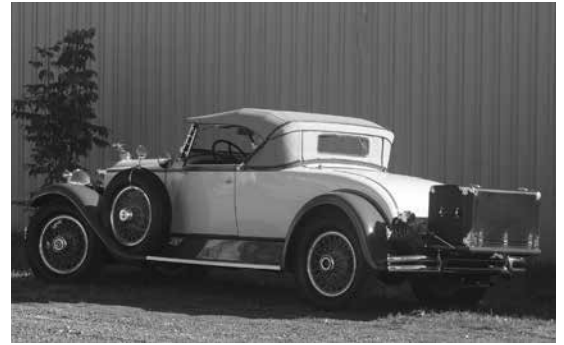
A stop at Wana Wheel for an interesting and informative tour of how wooden wheels are made for carriages, wagons and the occasional car!



Hmmm.... Parts Department at Wana Wheel?



This wheel is as tall as Kathy!

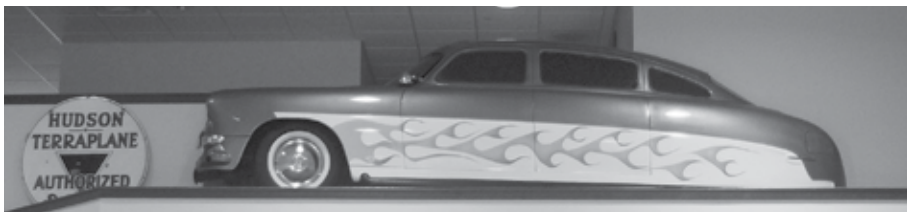


Fall Tour continued

First stop Saturday was the breakfast buffet at the hotel. A short walk across the parking lot took us to the Hudson museum. Fancy meeting the Cadillac Club there!

The founder of the museum, Eldon Hostetler, was on hand to autograph copies of his book. Several people purchased copies, including Chuck Derer.

A tour of the countryside with stops at various "quilt gardens", lunch in the back room at the Emma General Store, and finally dinner and a play at the Blue Gate Theater rounded out the tour. An optional stop was the Menno Hof Museum to learn the history of the Amish and the Mennonites. What a weekend!



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Hudson Terraplane

Originally branded the Essex-Terraplane, both cars and trucks branded Terraplane were manufactured between 1932 and 1938.

Amelia Earhart introduced the car in 1932 amid much fanfare and a parade of 2000 of them, reportedly the biggest industrial celebration ever staged in Detroit. For her endorsement she was given one to keep. The car she originally christened was later given to Orville Wright.

Ms Earhart also announced an Amelia Earhart trophy race for woman fliers at the National air races in Cleveland that same year - the first prize being a brand new Hudson Essex Terraplane.

The 8-cylinder cars were believed to have the highest horsepower-to-weight ratio of any production automobiles in the world, and were favored by John Dillinger and Baby Face Nelson for their acceleration, handling and discreet appearance.

Terraplanes later were also built outside the U.S. in England and Australia.



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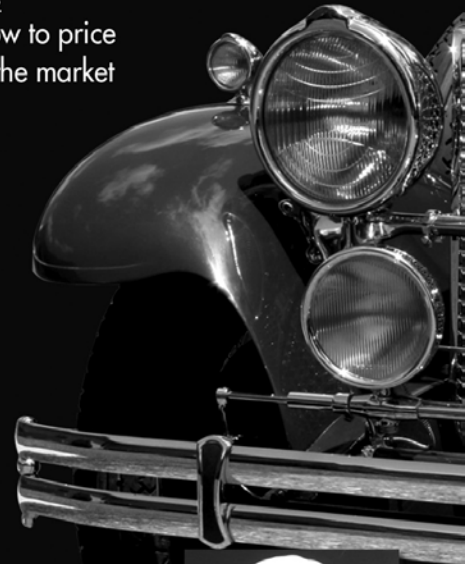
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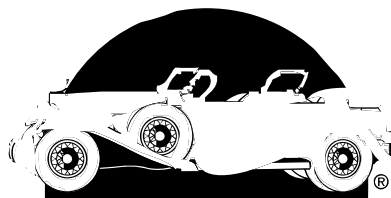
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GIRCCCA Annual Dinner

Sunday, 16 Nov. 2014 – 2:00 pm

At Arlington Park Race Track

This is truly a beautiful setting, overlooking the race track grounds from the Governor's Room on the upper level.

Our guest speaker will be Charles Taylor, the great grandson of Charles Taylor, who built the Wright brothers first engine in 1903.

Health permitting, we hope to also have Dick Locher who is a Pulitzer Prize winning illustrator, best known for his Dick Tracy series.

2:00 pm Cocktail hour

3:00 pm Dinner

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Annual Meeting & Guest Speakers

The menu:

Salad

Caesar

Greek

Entrée

Smoked Turkey Breast

Spiral Sliced Ham

Roasted Salmon

Sides

Herb Roasted Potatoes

Sautéed Seasonal Vegetable Medley

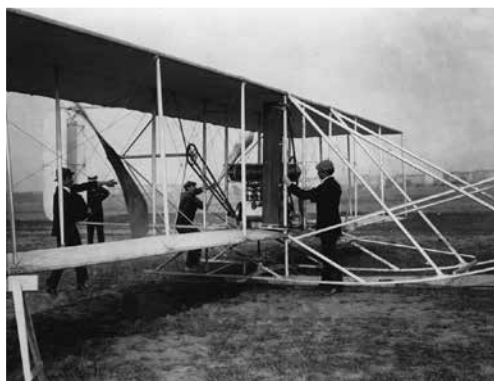
Dessert

Brownies

Beer and wine is included. Hard drinks can be purchased at a cash bar

Anyone requiring a vegetarian or gluten free meal can be accommodated, but we must let them know ahead of time.

Please indicate your request on the form below.



Reservation Deadline:
NOV. 10

See Map on reverse side



Make checks payable to GIRCCCA

Mail to Tom Roche, 9 S 238 Chandelle Drive, Naperville, IL 60564

Names of Guests

special request

Vegetarian _____

Gluten Free _____

(indicate number required)

X \$50.00 person = Total \$ _____

The CUT OFF DATE IS 10 Nov. 2014.

We are getting a super deal at \$50.00 per person. Arlington Park has credited us double this for doing the car show this year.



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AND PROCEED THROUGH CLUBHOUSE GATE

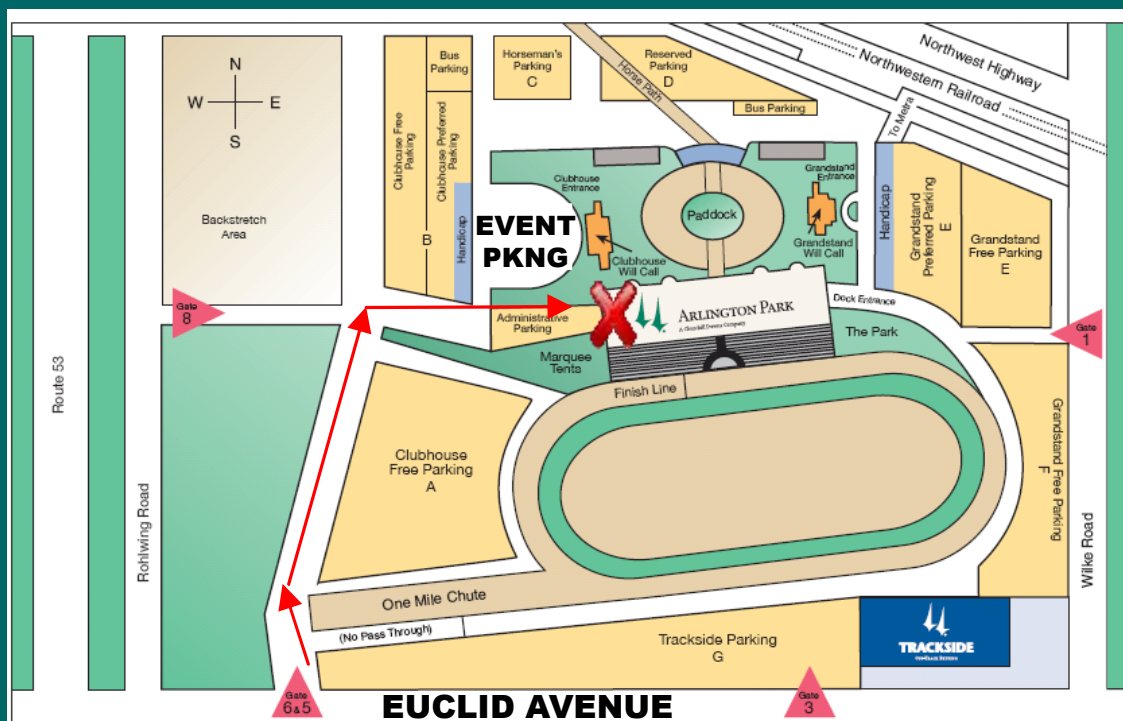
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A Short walk will take you to the Main Entrance

Once inside proceed to the first set of elevators you come to

take the elevator up to the **THIRD FLOOR**

You will exit the elevator inside the Governor's Room.



Governor's Room Dress Code

Persons in jeans, t-shirts, shorts, athletic shoes or abbreviated attire will not be admitted to the Governor's Room

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