

UP TO SPEED

March/April 2019

Greater Illinois Region/CCCA

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"Let's go for a ride"

M. Blevins, editor



Message from the Regional Director

Hello fellow members.

Last year Mary Ellen Thielemann published a member survey. One of the questions was what do the members want to see in the way of activities. The number one response was garage tours.



We have what you ordered coming up in a few weeks. It's Sunday, May 5 and we are giving love to our south side car enthusiasts. Although everyone is invited, fellow board member Tim Heywood has created a tour that showcases some of the south side's best, including his and his father's own collection. You don't want to miss it. You'll find the registration form in with this newsletter and on our new website www.girccca.com.

Please let us know as soon as possible if we can reserve a seat at the table for you. We are also inviting our friends at the Packard of Chicago club as well as the local AACA.

Of course the following month will be our 51st Annual Father's Day Show. It's grown into something truly spectacular with some of the area's best cars in a perfect setting, along with the beautiful background music of the Revolutionary Swing Orchestra playing from 1 to 4 PM.

I hope to see you with your favorite car - and please bring a friend. This could be one of the best opportunities for introducing our passion to someone who hasn't caught the bug yet.

CORD'ially,

Russ

GIR/CCCA 2019 Events

May 5: GIR Spring Garage Tour 10 am. Details Enclosed

May 31 - June 1: Museum Experience, Hickory Corners, Michigan

Sat June 1 Glen Ellyn 6th annual

June 16: Annual Fathers Day Car Show -- Oakbrook Center - Registration Forms Enclosed

July 11-14: Chesapeake Bay Region Grand Classic

September: GIR/POC Picnic

October 18 - 20: Fall Tour

November 17: Annual Dinner - Exmoor Country Club

Other Events of Note

June 9 - Third Annual Cars & Cops Show - CCG, 2500 W. Bradley Place, Chicago, IL 60618

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May 30-June 1 - AACA Grand National - Auburn, IN.

June 9: Elegance at Hershey

July 22 - 27 - Rolls-Royce Owners' Club Annual Meet: Detroit, MI area.

August 4: Milwaukee Concours d'Elegance

August 18: Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance

August 25: Geneva, IL Concours d'elegance

Cover Photo: Tim Heywood's 1932 Packard 900 Coupe Sedan at Black Point Museum, Lake Geneva. Tim had this car at Waubesa College for their Automotive Open House as an ambassador for the GIRCCCA. I'm sure we'll all get to see this car up close and personal on the May 5th Garage Tour. Tim is putting together that tour for us and one of the stops will be The Heywood Collection.

The CCCA National Offices have moved.

Their new address is:

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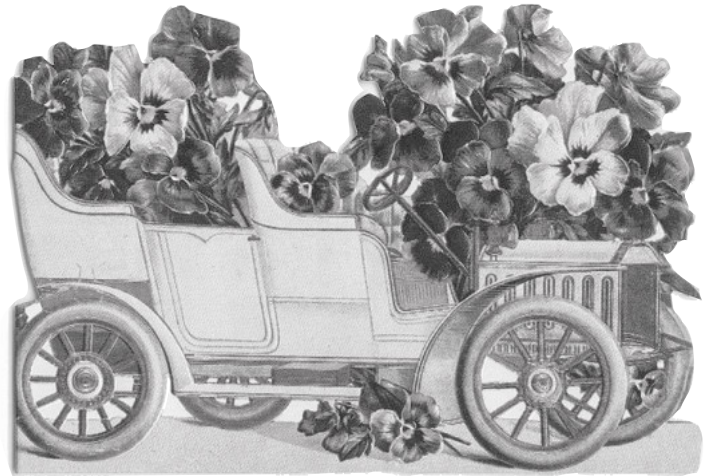
Ahhh Spring. I think it has finally sprung! Car tours are already underway. The other day I looked out my front window to see a big, beautiful two-tone Rolls Royce pulled to the side of the road at the end of my driveway. Wondering who from the club might be looking for me I went out to the car to find out. Turned out it was no one I know, but a lost soul from the Rolls Royce Club tour looking for directions. What a coincidence, eh?

I knew exactly where he wanted to go. I hope he followed my directions and made it on time to meet up with the rest of the tour.

Speaking of tours - our first tour of the season is coming up in just a couple of weeks and it will be a good one, no doubt!

The Board is always looking for suggestions for day tours, so if you have any ideas, please do let us know what you'd like to see and do. The weather is co-operating, so get those cars tuned up and out on the roads. The fresh air will do us all good.

- Maureen



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Kim Roberts (above) feeling a little bit "racey". Barret and Beau Jackson, drivers of the future. A replica of the "Twenty Grand" Duesenberg built for the Chicago World's Fair of 1933-'34 so named for its price. This replica took ten years to build and is based on a 1984 Duesenberg II dual-cowl phaeton. The original sits in the Netercutt Museum and Collection in California.



Members & Guests in attendance:

Dan, Ronette, Emmet & Mary Margaret McCarthy, Mary Ellen Thielemann, Russ Rodriguez, Charles Falk, Bud Schweppe, Rose Larson, Kim Roberts, Bob Mills, Michelle James, Jessie James and Barrett and Beau Jackson. Not pictured is Robin James who busy being the photographer.

Volo



Lots of Densy's-mostly reproductions, but one or two are authentic.



The museum has something for everyone, including a stagecoach and a collection of pedal cars. Although cars are their main attraction, the museum is filled with antiques of all kinds!



"March 31 was a sunny, crisp day as we started out from Corner Bakery in Oakbrook for our trip to Volo Auto Museum. The museum has several classics in addition to movie cars and their cars for sale. We saw Corvettes, muscle cars and cars from favorite movies.

Because the sale cars are always changing, there is always something new to see at Volo. In addition to cars, the small kids got to ride coin operated rides. After Volo, most of us had a fun lunch at Bobby's Barrel Inn."

-Michelle James



Who doesn't love the Blues Brothers?

"Revisiting the Antique Auto Museum in Volo is worthwhile because it is a buy-sell operation, so the core collection is constant while the peripheral collection changes. Also, I like that they have prices on the cars for sale. You can see how much your dreams will really cost.."

-Charles Falk

Waubonsee Open House



An Automotive Open House took place on March 14th at the Sugar Grove Campus of Waubonsee Community College. Charles Falk, Robin James, Dave Enger, Tim Heywood and Mary Ellen Thielemann represented GIRCCCA. Nick Ellis, Mentorship & Grants Administrator for the RPM Foundation attended and talked to the facility about grants that are available to the students. They will work together going forward.

The College offers students a Car Care and Service Class as part of their curriculum. Designed to give students a grasp of the history of cars of the vintage era, it also strives to promote interest, appreciation, and the mechanical skills required to maintain these automobiles to the younger generation. By combining skills of archivist, curator, and technician, the class includes appraisal, provenance, maintenance, storage, and basic servicing skills.

The college is looking to put together an advisory panel and we are investigating what that entails and have asked Charles Falk to head up that effort. Getting the younger generation interested in these older cars has been the subject of many a recent discussion. In an effort to encourage that interest, the students from this class will be invited to take part in some of our future activities, including a judging clinic that will take place at the Oakbrook Car Show in June. If you have the judging credentials and would like to help promote the club and the Classics, contact Russ Rodriguez for further details.

Planning is already underway for next year's Automotive Open House event. If you are interested in participating, please pencil in Thursday March 12th, 2020 from 8am-2pm.

Boca Raton, 2019

Bob and Bonnie Starzyk made it to the show this year. Here they are showing Jay Leno their 1967 Buick GS 400(nc). The car recieved a third place award, in Hagerty Youth Judging. "We lost to a 1937 Bugatti."



News and Notes

Congratulations to Greg and Cheri Haack who have received an invitation to show their 1935 Packard Coupe Roadster at this year's Pebble Beach Concours. "We are excited!"



OPPORTUNITIES

The CCCA MUSEUM EXPERIENCE is held every June on the Gilmore Car Museum campus. Hosted by the CCCA Museum & Michigan Region CCCA, this Trio of Grand Events will take place May 31 – June 7, 2019 and includes a Grand Experience – June 1st, Grand Classic – June 2nd, and a Tour – June 3-5, 2019. YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER SEPARATELY FOR THESE EVENTS.

BENSENVILLE Spring Carnival and Car Show

GIR has been invited to participate. It is an opportunity to SHOW YOUR CLASSIC and to help educate the public about these magnificent automobiles! This year's event is being expanded to include a 'Cruise Night' between 6 - 9 pm on Friday, May 17th. Cars should be in place by 5 pm.

Thanks for taking the time to consider your club's participation in the Bensenville Spring Carnival. If you are interested, let me know how many cars we could expect, with a cap of 10. I am excited to watch this event grow and I think incorporating the cruise night aspect will really be a big draw to attendees.

Dave Sieffert, Library Director
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OAK BROOK POLO CLUB: HORSES AND HORSEPOWER

The 2019 Oak Brook Polo Season kicks off with a "Best of the West" match-up between Ferrari Oak Brook and rival to the north, Passion For Polo. The anticipated match-up will also host the highly popular Horses & Horsepower Ferrari and Sports Car Rally before and during the match. Continental AutoSports Ferrari and members of the Ferrari Club of America and Classic Car Club of America will have their vehicles on display for event guests to drool over. A tent will be provided.

Daniel O'Leary,
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Date:	Sunday, June 9
Gates Open to Public:	1:00 PM
Sports Cars Arrive:	12:30 - 1:00 PM
Ferrari & Sports Car Rally:	1:00 - 2:30 PM
On-Field Polo Festivities:	2:45 PM
Match Begins:	3:15 PM
Awards Ceremony:	5:30 PM

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YOU DON'T HAVE TO OWN A CLASSIC CAR

to be a member of The Classic Car Club! All you need is an appreciation for these fine automobiles. We encourage everyone to join us on our tours and events no matter what you drive. Not everyone owns a Classic, but everyone can join the fun!

Someone approaches a car that hasn't run in decades. Often, it's sitting out in a corner of a field. The guy has a can of starting fluid, a gas can, and a battery jumper pack. He hooks up the jumper pack to the battery, dumps gas in the tank, sprays starting fluid into the intake, and cranks away. The car roars to life. Whooping and hollering ensues.

Such "dead starting" may be dramatic, but if you care about the car, it isn't a good idea. Your first responsibility is simply not to break it. Properly starting a car after it's been sitting for years or decades requires:

- Making sure that the engine is free to rotate
- Clean oil (oil is not wine - it doesn't improve with age)
- Lubricating the cylinder walls
- Clean air
- Clean fuel
- Clean coolant
- Intact fan belt

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