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"Let's go for a ride"

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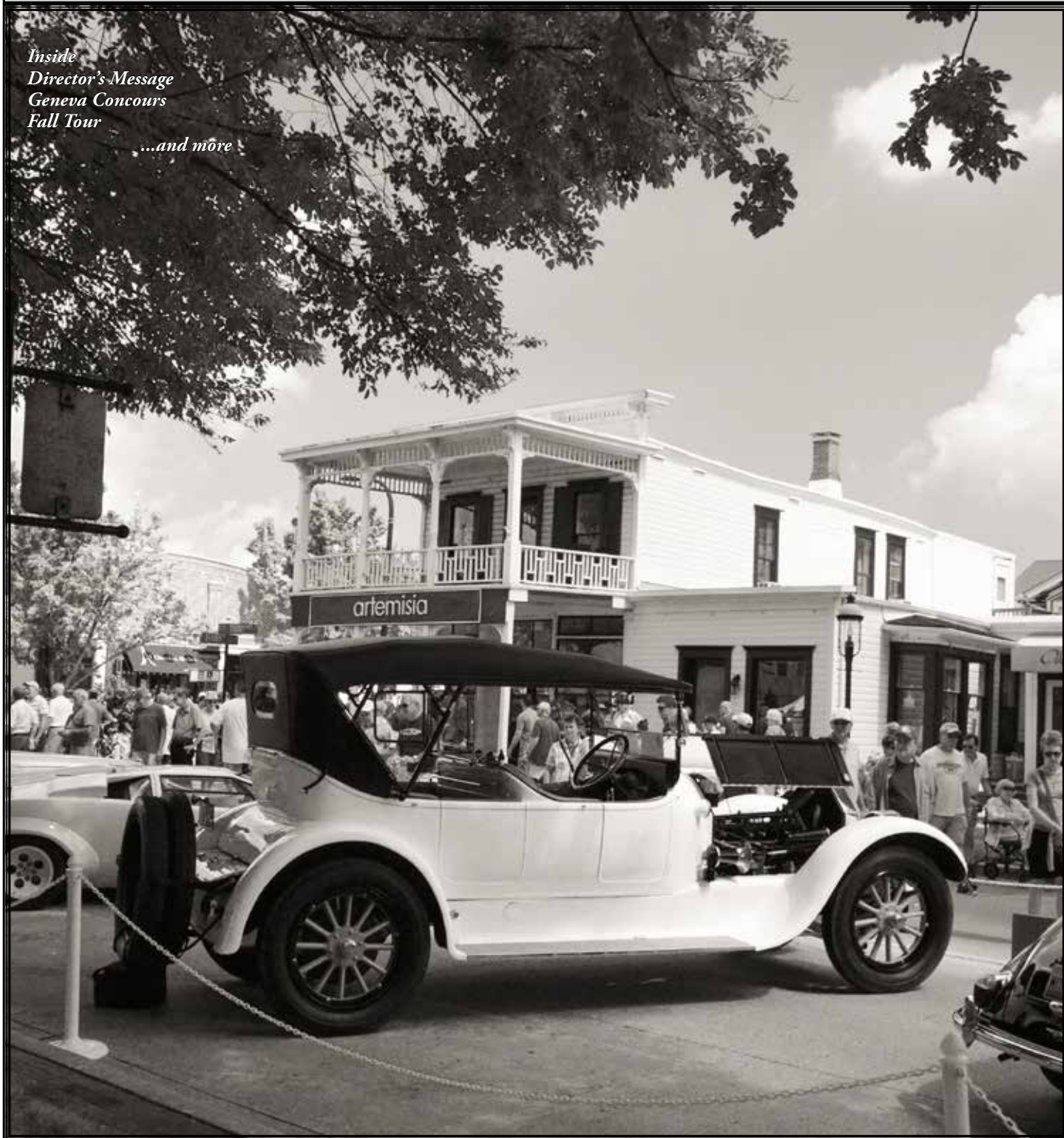
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Message from the Regional Director

Hello everyone.

As temperatures continue to drop and the leaves continue to fall we know it's that time of the year when we are enjoying our last ride of the season. This will be the last dashboard of 2016. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors for the privilege of working with them this year.



It's been a year of many changes on the board as we've seen several board members retire from the board leaving much to do with fewer people. Currently we are in the midst of putting together a calendar of events which we hope you'll find interesting and enjoyable. As always we invite your input at any time for suggestions and ideas.

I would also like to make a personal appeal to anyone who has been considering contributing a little more to the car hobby. Many of you have paid your dues in the past serving on committees or the board itself. This appeal goes out to those of you who may not have had the time in the past or thought you could not contribute much. We need new blood to sustain the level of achievement we have long enjoyed. All it really takes is interest and a little time. I hope you will give it some consideration and reach out to any of us if you have any questions or would like to explore this further.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our annual dinner coming up soon. This is always a wonderful affair and this year will be no exception as we have a special program lined up.

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy holiday season.

CORDially,
Russ

Russ Rodriguez,
GIRCCCA Regional Director

Cover Photo: Bob and Jackie Lederer's yellow 1917 Pierce Arrow 4 passenger touring car on display at this year's Geneva Concours. Once owned by George M. Cohan it was specially ordered with inboard-mounted drum headlights, dual mounted spare tires and an articulated rear windshield. It has a 525 cu. in. inline six cylinder engine, 4 speed manual transmission, and a 142" wheelbase.

GIRCCCA 2016 Events

November 13 - Annual Dinner - Governor's Room, Arlington Park



Other Events of Note

January 14, 15, 16, 2017 - Arizona Concours d'Elegance: Scottsdale, AZ

February 10-12, 2017 - Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance

March 29 - April 2, 2017 - CCCA Annual Meeting: Reno, NV

May 12-13, 2017 - CCCA Grand Classic: Auburn, Indiana (joint CCCA & AACA meet)

May 12-21, 2017 - Nordic CARavan in South: New Orleans, LA

June 4, 2017 - CCCA Museum Experience: Hickory Corners, Michigan

June 18, 2017 - Annual Father's Day Car Show: Oakbrook Center

Ed Schoenthaler Update

After 65 days in hospital they cured 3 different types of Leukemia. He was sent home early but is still battling immune system.

He's accepting calls now so please call 630.655-0141

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Editor's Corner



Autumn is upon us! Time to enjoy fall colors, caramel apples and pumpkin pie! Remember to turn those clocks back, cast your votes, and try not to over-indulge on Thanksgiving Day. Summer may be over, but Fall is chock full of things to keep us busy. I sincerely hope you find time to join us at the Annual Dinner on Sunday, November 13th. It is always a classy, enjoyable afternoon. Oh - and don't forget to renew your GIRCCCA membership!

It's also time to start Christmas shopping and get a new calendar for the coming year. It will be here before we know it! We already have events you can start 'penciling in' - just check out the events list.

Particularly exciting is the CCCA Annual Meeting in Reno, Nevada. More of you should go. As someone who spent several years living in Reno, I have to tell you - The Biggest Little City lives up to it's name. I'm tempted to go just so I can have dinner again at some of my favorite restaurants! After the meeting I would recommend spending a few extra days to visit Lake Tahoe and Virginia City. Both are just a short drive from downtown Reno and well worth the time. Now that I'm feeling nostalgic I'm not sure I can talk myself OUT of going! Maybe I will see you there?

And finally - I would like to wish each and every one of you a CLASSIC Holiday Season!

- Maureen

Board Notes

Results from the Event Planning Survey that was circulated to members over the summer have been tabulated. A sincere **Thank you** to those of you who took the time to fill out and return them! November is our planning meeting when we try to put together a tentative schedule for the coming year. The input received will be extremely helpful in planning events for 2017.

There are **Openings** on the board that we need to fill. If you have any interest in helping out please contact Russ at your earliest convenience. We are looking to add a couple of board members and a Secretary to record notes at our monthly meetings. Meetings are generally held in Oakbrook on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

The board did a recent push for new members, contacting members of CCCA who live in the area but do not belong to our local region. With renewals being due in November, the timing was right. Please don't forget to renew your local as well as your national membership. Ours is not the only region with declining membership, but the interest is there - we see it every time we show our cars at a concours, a tour, a car show or special event. If you know someone who might be interested in the Grand Classics® talk to them about joining. There is no better promotion than enthusiasm.

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From The Mail bag

Maureen,

I thought that you would be interested in seeing how prices have changed in the last 50 years.

In April 1966 I went to International Platers, one of the finest platers at that time in Kenilworth. As you can see from the receipt here's what \$28.00 worth of plating covered.

2 headlight rims

1 headlight shell

1 horn repair and butt

2 lamp reflectors

Silver plated, brite

\$28 - my how things have changed! Thought you might like to publish this.

Joe Bortz

Geneva Concours d'elegance

The 12th annual concours, on August 28th honored the 100th birthday of the Packard Twin Six, the 100th Anniversary of the BMW company and the 50th Anniversary of Shelby Mustangs. Approximately 170 vehicles displayed those featured cars and another 100 cars were on display throughout Geneva's streets.



Packards In the spotlight

"Ask the man who owns one"

In the Packard Twin Six spotlight are Margaret & Chris Duhon's 1918 3-35 Twin Six custom Ormonde Roadster, Dave & Kimberly Shadduck's 1915 Twin Six 7 passenger touring, and a 1920 Twin Six Touring, owned by Dennis & Bonnie Heywood



As it does every year, this prestigious event offers car enthusiasts a diverse assortment of classic, special interest, and antique vehicles to admire. Free to the public, the streets of Geneva were packed as usual despite the uncomfortable late August heat.

GIR members not only display their cars, but also get involved as volunteers, judges, and organizers of this annual event. GiR members John & Patt Barrett and Bob & Sheila Joynt always have their hands full managing the event.

GIR Members and their cars seen at the show were Mark Smith, Dan & Darlene Sobczyk, John & Dawn Brayton, Jim & Lucille Manak, Bob & Bonnie Starzyk, Ron Pavlak, Dennis Sobieski, Art & Marge Swanson, Jim Manz, Bob & Jackie Lederer, Tim Wiggins, Al Legg, Paul Knowlton, Richard Dreihaus, and Don & JoAnn Stevens.



One of the most elegant looking cars on display was this 1930 Cadillac 452-V16 Sport Phaeton belonging to Dennis Sobieski

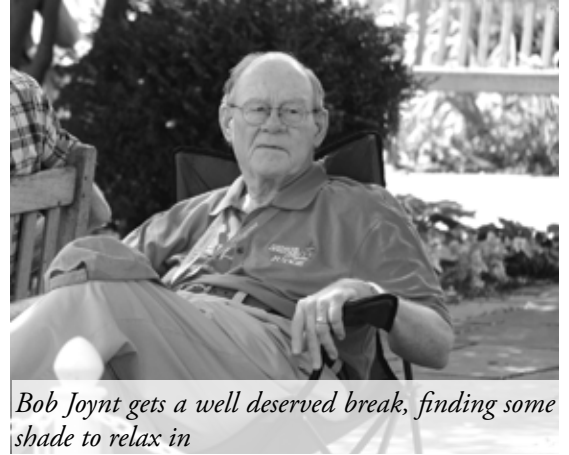


Brought over from the Dreihaus Collection was this rare 1932 Ruxton model C 4 door sedan

Geneva Concours d'Elegance



Larry Pumphrey, CCCA member from Indiana, with his 1937 Packard V12 convertible sedan - very popular with show-goers. Larry took the ropes down and encouraged people to get a close look inside this beauty - even letting some of the youngsters sit inside.



Bob Joynt gets a well deserved break, finding some shade to relax in



Dan Sobczyk looks official making his rounds as one of the event judges



Dennis Sobieski checks his watch, no doubt wondering where the time went



Darlene Sobczyk and Nancy Brackman make sure everyone has enough water



Cheryl & Greg Haack drove over from Rockford to spend the day enjoying the show



Charles Falk in front of John McNabola's Packard

Chestnut Square

Chestnut Square in Glenview hosted a small but fun car show in September. Nice setting, nice day, great music by the *Fender Skirts* and good food! Best of all, it was entirely complimentary! The staff worked hard to make this a classy event.

Thanks to those GIR and POC members who showed up to lend their cars and their support.

Fall Tour - Hitting the Hoosier Highways

This year's Fall Tour, Hitting the Hoosier Highways, was a trip to some very special destinations. Starting out on Friday, September 30 from Frankfort, IL, the group of combined GIR and POC members and guests caravanned to Kokomo, with a lunch stop in historic Frankfort, IN. Due to some unforeseen last minute cancellations, it turned out to be quite a small group. Also unfortunate was the incessant rain.



Umbrellas were definitely 'de rigueur' the entire weekend

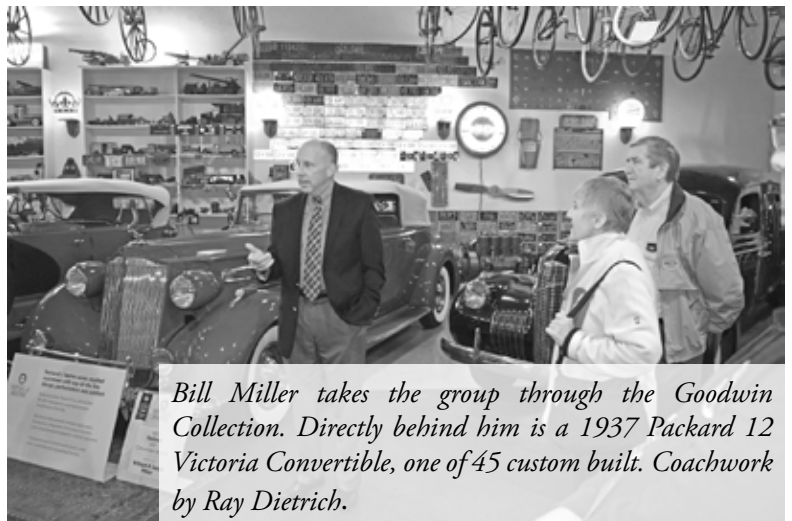
The first stop was the Goodwin Automobile Collection - a small but significant collection and well worth the visit. The Holiday Inn Express was home for the night - a nice choice. The staff was friendly and attentive, accommodations comfortable, and the breakfast complimentary.

Saturday's stops included a tour of the Kokomo Opalescent Glass Company, the Elwood Haynes Museum and the Seiberling Mansion. The

Opalescent Glass Company, voted the Best Tour in Indiana, lived up to its billing. Seeing this historic factory (in its same location since 1888) is a unique and great experience.



Gary and Jan Bragg look over some of the beautiful offerings in the glass factory gift shop



Bill Miller takes the group through the Goodwin Collection. Directly behind him is a 1937 Packard 12 Victoria Convertible, one of 45 custom built. Coachwork by Ray Dietrich.

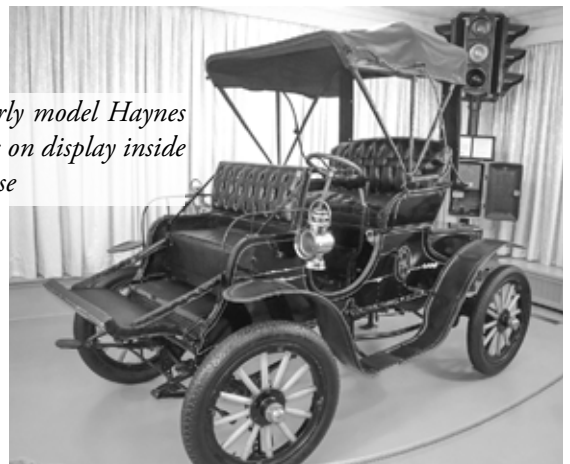
The Elwood Haynes Museum was also well worth the time. Located in the home once owned and lived in by Haynes, it is an interesting architectural example of a high end 1915 home. The garage held two Haynes autos and one Apperson. Additionally, an early model Haynes sedan was displayed inside the house!

Prior to moving on to the Seiberling, a box lunch was served

This green and white 1923 Haynes Model 77 "Blue Ribbon Speedster" was originally owned by Indiana Governor Warren T. McCray



This early model Haynes sedan is on display inside the house



Fall Tour - Hitting the Hoosier Highways

inside the Elliott House, adjacent to the Seiberling - an unexpected bonus. The Seiberling itself is a very large, opulent home on the National Register of Historic Landmarks.

Sunday was a visit to the Kokomo Auto Museum. The museum owns three original Haynes/Apperson autos and several replicas. Over 100 antique autos sit in the museum - from horseless carriages to Model T's to 1930's classics to muscle cars - a journey through time.

All in all, a worthwhile trip!

-Charles Falk



The Seiberling Mansion



Exhibits and displays like this recreated diner make the Kokomo Automotive Museum a fun place to visit for all ages



This is not black.

This is Rolls-Royce Mason's Black, Code LB 31819

Charles Falk and Bud Schweppe were the GIR coordinators for the tour. Unfortunately, due to Marleah's health, the Schwepes were unable to make the tour. GIR members on the tour were Charles & Joan Falk, Jan & Gary Bragg, Ray & Gail Bacci, and Tom & Ann Kleinschmidt.

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Running the Show



Several GIR members had car shows to run this summer. Russ Rodriguez, current GIR Director, has put together the Annual OakBrook Fathers Day Show for the past twelve years. No small task for this premier Chicagoland event.



Tom Roche coordinated the Arlington Park Motors and Music Car Fest for three years running, putting together a lineup of crowd pleasing cars from the twenties through the seventies.



Bob Starzyk tries to keep track of incoming vehicles in Palos Heights, where that show drew 500 participants, lining both sides of the street for several blocks with a special area designated for Full Classics.



Jim Manak has coordinated the Glen Ellyn car show for three years in a row. A relaxed gathering of classics and collectibles, the Vintage Auto Fest is held in tandem with the Taste of Glen Ellyn street fest.



Dan McCarthy and his wife, Ronette, get interviewed by the news media during Art and the Automobile, in Palos Park. A first time event, McCarthy has every confidence that next year's event will be bigger and better.



John Welch congratulates one of the winners as he announces the awards at the 2nd Annual Ephraim Hill Climb and Concours. The three day Wisconsin event drew several GIR members in their Classics.

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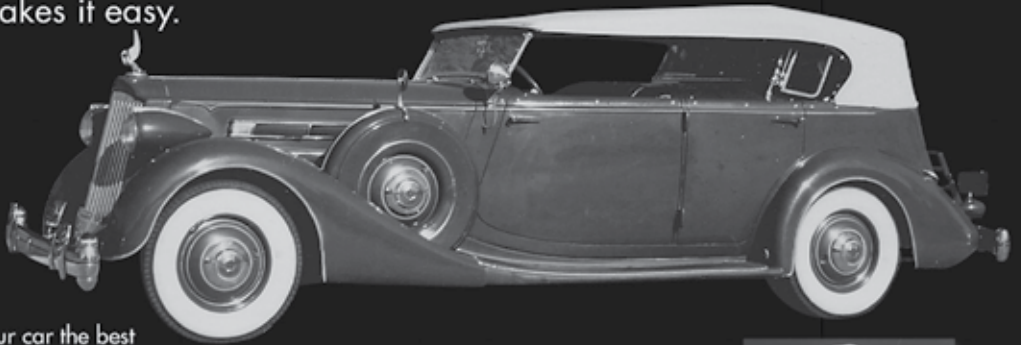
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