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"Let's go for a ride"

M. Blevins, editor

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1935 Packard Super 8 Coupe
Owner: Al Legg

Message from the Regional Director

The year is half over and looking back we've had a full dance card and we still have a lot of activities on the schedule. Arlington Park Car Show on 19 July, the Fall Tour to the Shipshewana Area on September 26 & 27, and the Annual Dinner on November 16, at beautiful Arlington Park Race Track, This one is going to be very special, so don't miss it.

Our recent events included the Grand Experience (GM cars were the featured marque) and Grand Classic at Hickory Corners, which I attended with our 1940 LaSalle. Both with very successful turnouts. Our Father's Day Show at Oak Brook was another great success with the weather gods blessing us. The Annual Picnic at Cantigny, with the Packard Club of Chicago is always a great social event.

Our next event is the Arlington Park Race Track Show on 19 July. Read the article about it. This is an invitation only car show with about 35 cars. Even if you are not bringing a car come out and enjoy the beautiful setting with the landscaping, horses and cars. And Beer.



Tom Roche,
GIRCCCA Regional Director

Have you seen these people?

GIR Missing Persons Report

By Kathleen Cochrane, Membership

We have lost contact with several of our life members. Mail has been returned, the phone is not listed to them any longer and we have no way to contact them. We miss them and hope that some of our members can help us locate them. John Beatty, Robert Baker and Walter Cunny are life members of GIR. Please email Kathy at K44kathy@cs.com if you can help find our "missing persons."

~

Welcome to our newest members:

Daniel Slowik, James Grumbos, and Dean Stahnke.

GIRCCCA 2014 Events

September 26 & 27 - 2014 Fall Tour to Shipshewana, IN - We will be touring several Amish sites along with good food and a surprise or two. Return forms will be in the mail in the near future.

November 16 - Annual Dinner and Election of Officers - 2 pm Arlington Park

CCCA Events

Upper Midwest Region Grand Classic-Stillwater, MN on the St. Croix River, Saturday, August 2nd

Participants Arrive and Register on Thursday with a full day of tours and events Friday. Show and Judging on Sat, Aug. 2nd. Contact: Mark Desch (651) 439-7098

Other Events

Guys Day Out - Arlington Race Track - Sat. July 19

Cars, horses and a beer tasting event

Geneva, IL Concours d'Elegance - Aug 22 - 24

This year, the Geneva Concours is featuring all Italian designed and made automobiles, celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Maserati, highlighting the classic V12 and V16 automobiles up through 1948 and the iconic Ford Mustang on its 50th Anniversary. Along with our traditional classes, it will be a spectacular display along Third Street.

Friday evening, there is a Kick-Off party at Villa Verone Ristorante and on Saturday night, a Hangar Party at the DuPage Airport. And of course, Sunday, August 24th is Show Day!

All club members and friends are invited to participate. More detailed information, Car Club Parking Reservation forms, show Car Nominations forms for the Concours and the Event Reservations forms are all available on the website: <http://www.genevaconcours.net>

Questions? call 630-988-0303

Registrations MUST be made by August 15th!

Ron Beacon

of Elmhurst, Illinois passed away on April 11, 2014. He was an active longtime member of CCCA's Greater Illinois Region. His midnight blue 1948 Lincoln Continental Convertible was his pride and joy. He always looked forward to going to the car meets especially the Father's Day Car Show at Oak Brook Mall.

Ron was also a longtime active member of the LCOC and LZOC.

Editor's Corner



It seems like this summer has been chock full of things to do! But it's so nice getting out after our long hard winter!

We have been blessed with good weather so far for our events, especially considering some of the awful storms we've had recently. I hope you and your cars have all managed to stay safe and dry.

Our friends in Arizona would no doubt like to have some of our rain. The triple digit temperatures they are having is no fun.

I don't know if any of you do any gardening, but I have a good size vegetable garden and I have to say it's been nice not to have to do any watering. Mother Nature is doing it all for me so far. I have a feeling she's going to get tired of it sooner or later though and I'll have a chance to wear that bright new sun hat I got for Mothers Day. Meantime, it's nice enough that I think I'll wear to the next Concours.

Maureen

Seeking Board Members

At this years annual dinner meeting in November we will be holding the election of officers. Anyone who is interested and willing to serve on the Board should contact one of the current board members and let them know of your interest.

The BOD meets once a month (usually the third Tuesday) beginning at 7 pm in Oakbrook.

Being on the board puts you in the driver's seat - it's a great way to have some input regarding club events and planning. New ideas are always welcome to help make this the best regional club in the country!



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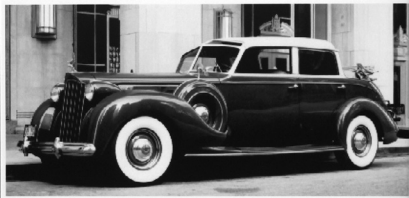
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Fathers Day Car Show - Oakbrook - Sunday, June 15, 2014

Despite threatening skies and the forecast for rain the show opened as always. Luck was with us as the rain did not materialize until well after all participants had gone home. The on-going construction at the mall did not deter things either, as approximately 200 cars were on display. None of that seemed to affect show attendees, as the place was packed and I overheard snippets of conversation to the effect that it was "A great show" and "I think this is the best show they've ever had!"

Not all entries were 'Grand Classics' but they were all classics in their own way. Again, kudos to Russ Rodriguez for a job well done. And many thanks to those who manned gates, parked cars, and assisted with registration. This show could not be the success it is without the help of each and every one of you!

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Steve and David Grobl

*Spending Fathers Day together at the
show with Steve's 1948 Chrysler Town &
Country Sedan*



Everyone loves the props - whether it be a getaway car (either kind) or a touch of vintage.



*Butch and Mary Lee Rosland
Thanks for all the help*



1948 Studebaker Owner: Frank Troost



Glenn Bukac and his three-wheel leather Velorex

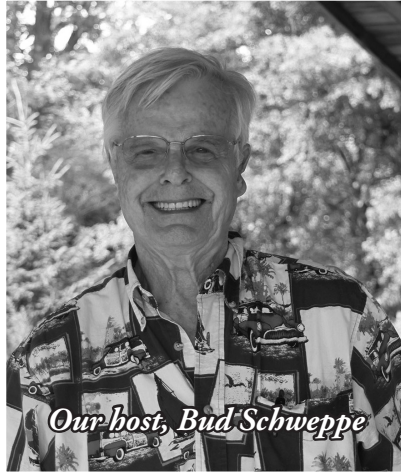
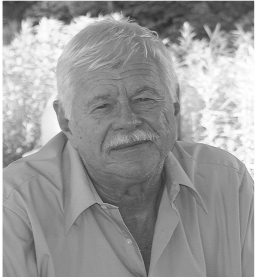


*People's Choice Award winner - 1932 Packard Coupe
Owner: Ed and Judy Schoenthaler*



2014 Annual Picnic - June 29

Once again the combined Packard Club/GIRCCCA picnic was held at beautiful Cantigny Park. It was hot out, but isn't that what summer is supposed to be? Great cars, great food, great people made for a great afternoon!





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Guys Day Out

Arlington Park Race Track, Saturday, July 19, 2014

The Club has been invited to participate in 'Guys Day Out' at beautiful Arlington Park Race Track. We are limited to the number of cars we can bring in so if anyone is interested in displaying their car - classic or non-classic - please contact Tom Roche ASAP as he already has a number of cars lined up for this event.

The cars will be parked right next to the stadium on the grass with the race track right behind you. They will be roped off and there is a walkway in front of the cars. The cars will enter the display area between 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. ONLY. The track will be shut down during this period so that the cars will not frighten the horses that are normally training during this time.

If you are interested in adding your car to the display please contact Tom Roche by phone at 630-983-7825 or email at RCAFLEET@AOL.com.

This is their second annual Guys Day Out and it promises to be a fun afternoon, with cars, live music, beer tasting and of course, horse racing! Even if you are not displaying your car, do try and get out to the park that day to enjoy the festivities.



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Car Museum Targeted

On June 24th someone threw a rock through the front door of the National Automobile Museum in Reno, NV. They followed that with a molotov cocktail, damaging two vehicles. The High Flyer, one of a couple dozen Volkswagen-powered trikes that Ed Roth built in the late Sixties sustained fire damage and the sprinkler system appeared to cause damage to a nearby vehicle, one of two factory-built gold-plated De Lorean DMC-12s.

Thanks in part to security cameras, a suspect was quickly taken into custody.

The museum was reopened on July 2, after being closed to repair the damage. The damaged cars will be on display until they can be restored.

The Reno museum has a number of one-of-a-kind cars in it's collection of over 200 cars displayed in authentic looking street scenes.

Museum officials feel lucky that the fire did not spread and that the damage was minimal and most of it confined to the building itself. Had the fire spread or gotten out of control, it certainly would have been much, much worse.

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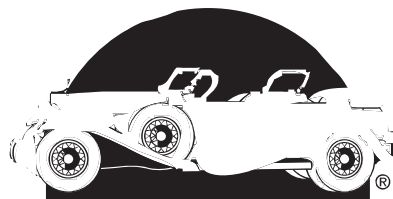
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