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Summer 2018

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

Hello everyone.

There always seems to be a swing in inventory that occurs in the fall and spring. Did anybody pick up anything new? Did anyone part with a dear friend? We would love to hear your stories so please reach out to our editor Maureen to let us know what new developments you may have in your car garage.



Unfortunately this letter will not reach you before we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Oakbrook Father's Day car show. All we need is a little help from the weather gods. We have an outstanding assortment of all makes and models to dazzle every generation and every automobile enthusiast.

Your board has made a real effort in creating a memorable experience for not only the registered exhibitors but all attendees. Thanks goes out to my irreplaceable right-hand, MaryLee Rosland, and a couple of new faces in Mary Ellen Thielmann and Dan MacCarthy, who have stepped up and joined me in providing what is sure to be a most memorable event. Maureen Blevins even created a special poster to commemorate this event.

I hope you can all participate in one form or another.

CORDially,
Russ

The Board is looking to fill it's Treasurer Position. If you would like to consider it, please call Russ at 630-767-9000. He would be happy to answer any questions you might have. If you'd like to join the Board in any other capacity, call Russ. The Board is always happy to talk to anyone who is interested.

Jack Runnfeldt suffered a stroke a couple of months ago. Those of you who know him, please reach out. We all wish you a speedy, successful recovery, Jack.

Cover Photo: Mark Smith's Packard in the center circle and people crowd the walkway, getting a look at all the gorgeous cars.

Welcome to our newest club members:

Douglas Gotham, Brandon Berkshire, Carl Rossi, Robert Reinhold, and Donald Stouffer

GIR/CCCA 2018 Events

July 22 - GIRCCCA picnic - 11 am to ?? Blackwell Forest Preserve, Warrenville. North Shelter.

**RSVP by July 16: Bud 630-690-9382 or
bschweppe@sbcglobal.net**

August 26 - Geneva Concours d'Elegance - Geneva, IL

Oct 20 -21 - Fall Tour - save the date! It will be special

Other Events of Note

July 8 - First St. Paul's Church 2nd Annual Collector Car Show - 1301 N. LaSalle St., Chicago

11 am - 3 pm. Contact Nick Covello 312-217-5138

July 19 - Palos Heights - 5 - 9pm. HUGE car show with special area for Grand Classics. Info & Registration: Bob Starzyk 708-334-4848 56buick@att.net

August 4 -5 - Milwaukee Concours d'Elegance
414-336-2345 or info@milwaukeeconcours.com

August 26 - Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance

In Memoriam Preston Helgren 1926 - 2018

Preston F. Helgren, age 91, passed away at home on March 14, 2018, surrounded by family. A graduate of University of Wisconsin, Madison with a degree in Chemistry, he spent his career as a research chemist at Abbott Laboratories, where he met his wife of 58 years. A man of many interests and talents that evolved over the course of his life, he quietly and generously supported causes he held dear: the environment, the less fortunate, education and the arts. In 1933, at the Century of Progress World's Fair in Chicago he saw the Chevrolet exhibit, where a car was assembled in a half hour and his love affair with the automobile began.

In Memoriam Katie Robbins

Katie Robbins passed away on Monday, June 18, 2018. Katie dedicated much of her life and energy to the success of our club and was a friend to all Classic Car Club members. She had an encyclopedic memory for all of our club's rules, history, protocol, personnel and members. A tireless 'volunteer' - it would be difficult to name a Classic Car Club position, committee, event, or award that she has not either served on or won!

Editor's Corner



As your editor, I try to provide a mix of car news, club events, and member news. And you may have noticed, I am never without my camera. That goes not just for club activities, but for my life in general. I *always* have my camera handy. So, I want to share with you a piece of news. Two of my photos were accepted into a juried exhibit. Two! One of them even was awarded an honorable mention. Although neither photo has a car in it, I thought I'd share the news anyway.

Who else out there has a hobby aside from their love of Classic Automobiles? I think it would be interesting to find out and I think it would make for a good addition to one of our publications. Any volunteers? Who would like to be the first to share their 'other' hobby with the rest of us? If you don't have one, maybe you know of a member who does. Let me know! maureenblevins@yahoo.com/815-483-8216.

You will notice this issue is bigger than in the past. That's because there was no May/June issue. So, I have combined two issues into one bigger, Summer issue.

- *Maureen*

Board Notes: The past several months the Board has been finalizing plans for our summer and fall activities. Uppermost on the agenda has been the 50th Annual Fathers Day Oakbrook Classic Car Show. One of the recurring items on the agenda has been a redesign of the Illinois Region logo. It was unveiled in the most recent issue of The Dashboard. Commemorative Car Badges and Mugs for the Oakbrook Show all proudly displayed the new logo. Hopefully, you all had a chance to see those!

Also being planned is a Fall Tour. While final details are still being hammered out, be sure and Save the Date on your calendars: October 20 - 21.

Annual Meeting Report

Vicki Zeiger passed on the minutes from the annual meeting in Branson. It seems like the challenges that face the regions are the same. Several regions are doing some things we already do - active recruiting of new members at area concours and shows with a booth that offers information and sign-up options. It is having some success.

Congratulations to Carrol Jensen, CCCA's new president who was recently profiled in Hemmings. Carrol addressed the challenges of attracting new and younger members. "There was a period of time when people had the concern that old people drove old cars and young people drove muscle cars, as if there were a one-to-one correlation," she said. However, she said the club has already seen an increase in membership among people in their 40s and 50s, some of whom have no experience in a Full Classic automobile. "We're seeing that demographic with disposable income and time on their hands, maybe from the kids moving out, getting engaged as new members," she said. It's that demographic, - and not even younger enthusiasts in their 20s and 30s - that the club should spend its time, effort, and money pursuing. "We want to start with just the love of cars in general, anything with four wheels," she said.

Touring with the cars helps build awareness and dispel the notion that the cars all sit unused in trailers, garages, or museums. One other notion Jensen said she's working to dispel is that Full Classics all cost tremendous amounts of money. While some do reach into the six- and seven-figure brackets, she said some can cost as little as \$30,000. "There are good quality, good-running affordable Classic cars out there, and there's not nearly enough emphasis on them," she said. "Particularly not when some people think nothing of spending \$50,000 or \$60,000 on a bass boat or a brand-new pickup truck."



Carrol Jensen has served as a director of the Wisconsin region and on the board of directors.

San Filippo - Place de la Musique



The stunning Grand Foyer. An elaborate nickelodeon dominates the landing.



Our tour guide, Gregory Leifel, demonstrates one of the early gramophones. It's a cabinet contains dozens of canisters of 'canned' music. Below, an orchestrion.



Although not technically a car related event, the trip to San Filippo was undoubtedly one of this year's highlights and one that club members who attended will be talking about for quite some time.

From the foyer, where chandeliers, stained glass panels, and music boxes surround you, to the actual 350 seat theatre, with it's posh balcony overlooking more chandeliers and an 80 rank theatre pipe organ, everything is absolutely stunning.

Before jukeboxes and radios, there were nickelodeons and orchestrions, mechanical machines that played the music of the day to entertain the public in restaurants, bars, dance halls, and fairgrounds. These automated machines with their elaborate, artistic facades had the ability to replicate sounds of a small group of musicians up to a full orchestra. The Sanfilippo Collection has on display the largest variety of these restored instruments in the world.

Originally the home of the SanFilippo family, some of the home has been converted into this museum and part of it remains a private residence. The museum is a labor of love and almost everything here plays music.

A second building houses a number of restored working steam engines dated from 1820 up through the 1920s including a recently restored and reassembled complete power plant from an East Chelmsford, MA factory consisting of the slate switchboard, Corliss steam engine, shaft-coupled AC generator, DC exciter generator, overhead crane, and steam condenser. There are eight operating steam engines in the lower level of the main house and over twenty in the Carousel Building, including the one that originally

San Filippo

operated the 1890 French Salon Carousel.

Additionally, there is an 1881 Grant Steam Locomotive with restored caboose and 1890's Pullman passenger car. There are six vintage street clocks around the estate and a newly restored tower clock with an ornate 33' tower.

Undoubtedly, the jewel of The Sanfilippo Collection is the Eden Palais, built in 1890, the most complete example of a European Salon Carousel in existence. It's carved, lit-up facade (at right) measures 89' wide by 42' tall. A fifteen-year restoration effort has brought this majestic Carousel back to its glory. Thirty-six horses, several gondolas, chariots, and a spinning tub turn to the sounds of a Gavioli Band Organ. Undoubtedly the highlight of the day was the opportunity for all to ride this lovely carousel.



Members in attendance: Charles & Joan Falk, Tom & Jean Roche, John & Dawn Brayton, Chuck & Penny Derer, Russ Rodriguez, Mary Ellen Thielemann, Paul TerHorst, Reuben Taylor, Dan McCarthy, Bob & Sheila Joynt, Mark Smith and daughter Jamie, Michelle James, Maureen Blevins, Jack Bowser, Steve East, Bob Mills, and Allen Strong. Numerous guests also attended. Many thanks to Bud Schweppe, activities director for making arrangements to visit the museum., and to John Brayton for dinner arrangements



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2018

**Sunday July 22
11 am until ??**

Blackwell Forest Preserve

The 1,366-acre Blackwell Forest Preserve in Warrenville is one of the District's most popular forest preserves and has been repeatedly voted among the best in the western suburbs. It offers fishing, camping, archery, picnic shelters, an off-leash dog area and more.

Blackwell's main entrance is on the north side of Butterfield Road 0.25 mile West of Winfield Road. There are also entrances on the north and south sides of Mack Road.

*We will be at the **BLACKWELL NORTH** shelter*

Hamburgers, hot dogs, soda and water will be provided.
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Alcohol is not allowed in the park

PLEASE RSVP by July 16!

What to bring: your favorite lawn chair and a dish to pass.

RSVP: Bud Schweppe 630-690-9382 / bschweppe@sbcglobal.net

See you there!

Suggested items to bring:

Salad

Dessert

Side Dish

Appetizer

What's your specialty dish?





HOT TIP

When removing mold from a car's interior you have to make sure you do not damage the fabric or other surfaces. Do NOT use bleach, ammonia, or other chemicals. First, vacuum, then use a damp sponge and a small amount of a mild detergent to wipe away any remaining mold. Vinegar is an excellent cleaning agent, and can get rid of the musty odor from mold. Spray with a solution of three parts warm water and one part white vinegar. Gently brush mold off fabrics with a scrub brush. Use a scrubbing sponge on hard surfaces.

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Oakbrook

The 50th Annual Show has now come and gone. In spite of the oppressive heat, the numbers of visitors to the show was still impressive and there were a total of 90 cars. A tradition for many visitors and exhibitors alike, many positive comments were heard. One of the ways the club made this year special was with some commemorative items for exhibitors - mugs, grill badges, and posters - all specially designed for the 50th Year.

Kudos to Russ Rodriguez for putting together another successful show and extra special thanks go out to the following, all of whom worked very hard to make the day run smoothly! *Show Day Coordinators*: Mary Ellen Thielemann & Dan McCarthy. *Parking Captains*: Butch Rosland, Dennis Sobieski, John Brayton, Charles Falk, and Bob Starzyk. Parkers Kurt Karlson, Ron Robinson, Ted Borman, Amy Kovacevic, Dave Shadduck, Tom Roche, Bruce Eiseman, Steve Styers, Mark Spanikow, Mark Smith, Bud Schweppe, Nick Covello, Bob Lacherbauer, Burt Richmond, Reuben Taylor, Trent Stahnke, Brandon Berkshire, Mark Lee, Allen Rusy, Don Spatny, Bob Mills, Jim Harland, Doug Harland, Jim Rudnick, and Dennis Terdy. *Hospitality (information booth)*: Mary Ellen Thielemann, Kim Roberts, Maureen Fisk, Soheila Parsi, Bridgette Salela, Luke Salela and Charles Falk. And thank you to all who brought out their vehicles. Without whom, of course, there would be no show!

Another added treat was The Revolutionary Swing Orchestra - <https://revswingorch.com>. who provided some lively mid-afternoon entertainment.

It was Father's Day, after all, and I managed to catch these dads at the show.



Carl Turano, daughter Andreana, and son-in-law Tim Carter



Steve & Dave Grobl



Mark Smith, daughters Jamie, Lauren, and son-in-law Lucas Hakala



Nick Covello, Nicholas IV, and Hayden



James Manak, Sr. & Jr.



Pater Family: Jim, his son Matt; Valerie and her dad Bill

Oakbrook

Cantore Family 1930 Alfa Romeo 1750 Grand Sport Zagato, and James Tharp's 1933 Packard 1005 V12



Could Butch Rosland be wondering where he parked his car?

Charles Falk



1936 Packard /Bob LaSpina



Mary Ellen Thielemann and Kim Roberts



1936 Auburn /Mark Spandikow

1931 Packard /Dave Shadduck



One of our newest members, Allen Rusy, and his 1966 Mercedes Benz (nc)220 SE

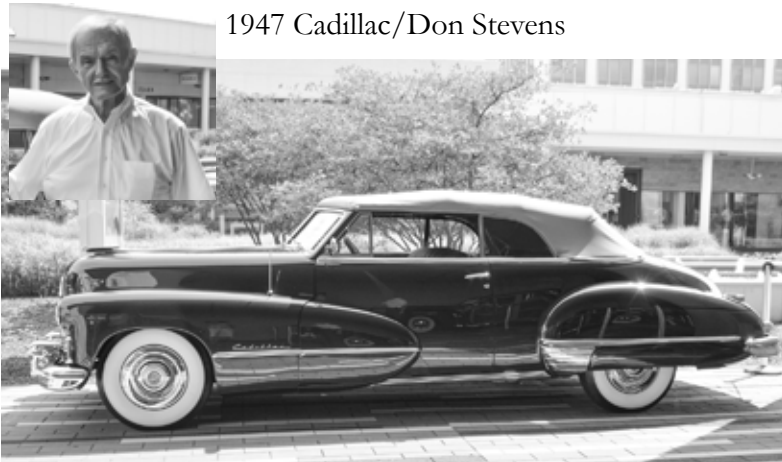


Look for additional coverage of the Oakbrook Show in the August Dashboard!

Oakbrook



1958 Chevrolet Barris Custom Corvette(nc)/Joe Cantore and Paul Douglass



1947 Cadillac/Don Stevens

Shooting the breeze and no doubt hoping for one;
Dennis Sobieski, Bill Hexamer, George Kovanda



We have a limited number of Commemorative items from the 50th Annual Oakbrook Show for sale. If you didn't get yours at the show, and would like to, email maureenblevins@yahoo.com to reserve your items.



*Cloisonné Grill
Badge \$25.
(red, white, black
& gold*

18" x 24" Color Poster \$5.



Ceramic Mug \$10. Color logo



A Look Back

2018 marks the 50th consecutive year of the Annual Father's Day Classic Car Show at Oakbrook Center. Here's a look back at a little of the 1979 Dashboard coverage of the show.



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1941 Cadillac 75
Fleetwood Limo
- Ray Jaquinde

A stellar attraction at
any CCCA display-
1931 Duesenberg J,
Berline, LeBaron
- Jim DeBickero



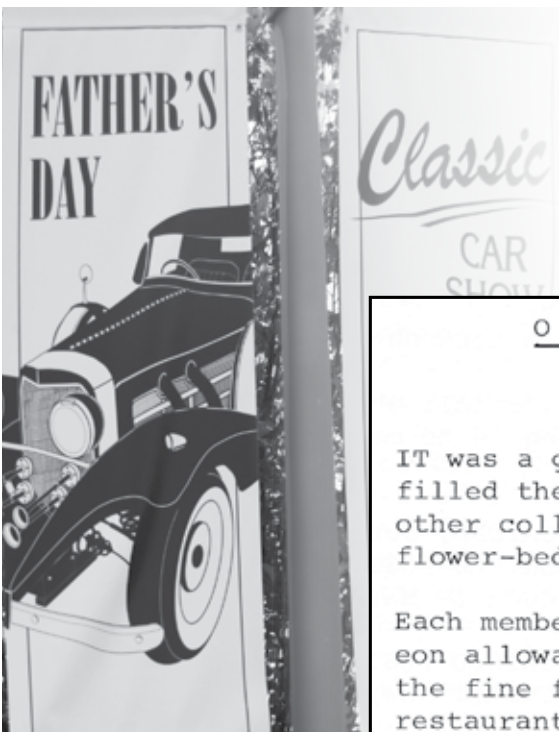
G.I.R. member's cars
on display amidst the
Oak Brook flora...



A car-oriented conver-
sation (what else?)
(L to R): Ed and Judy
Schoenthaler, Bill
Buddig and Jim De-
Bickero (back to camera)



ON THIS PAGE, ELMER
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HIS CHAUFFEUR'S UNI-
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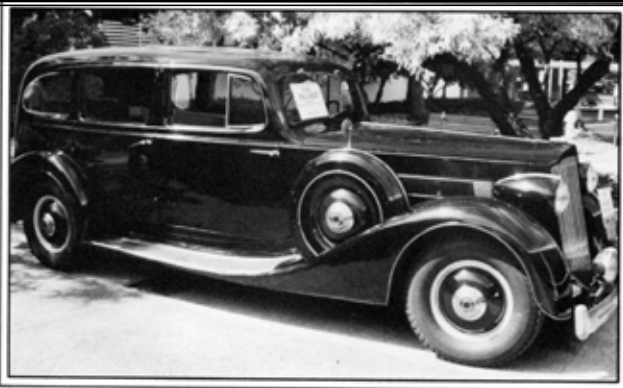


O A K B R O O K S H O P P I N G C E N T E R

(June 17, 1979)

IT was a glorious Sunday (Father's Day) as nearly 60 cars filled the Oak Brook Shopping Center Mall, the Classics (and other collectibles!) adding a splash of color to the bright flower-bed plantings.

Each member having a car on display received a generous luncheon allowance at Houhlihan's - the WAIT being worthwhile for the fine food served at this attractive (and VERY popular!) restaurant.



Frank Casello's 1936 Packard.



The Schoenthaler's 1936 Cadillac V-12 Convertible Sedan.



Dennis Sobieski's 1934 Packard Twelve Dietrich Victoria.



Dennis' 1936 Packard Twelve Dietrich Convertible Sedan.

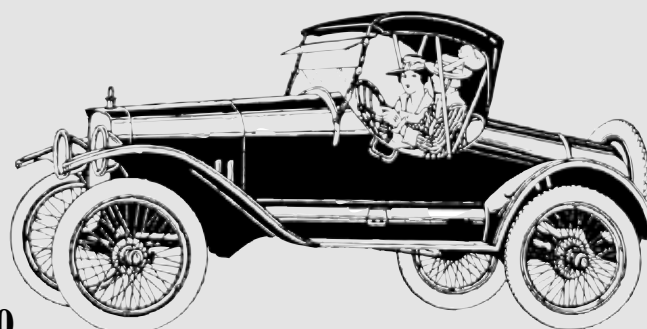
SAVE THE DATE

First St. Paul's Church

2nd Annual Collector Car Show

Sunday July 8th, 2018

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



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News and Notes

Worldwide Auctioneers to sell Hostetler Hudson Museum collection

On January 30 the Hudson Automobile Museum Board voted to permanently close the facility and liquidate its 55-vehicle collection. The auction will take place on Saturday, August 4, 2018. Worldwide Auctioneers will handle the sale of the museum's holdings, in an auction to be held at the facility's former home in the Shipshewana Town Center.

Hostetler's Hudson Museum was founded by marque enthusiast Eldon Hostetler, an inventor with a lifelong passion for Hudson automobiles. To stay busy during his retirement, Hostetler began collecting Hudsons, Terraplanes, Essexes, Railtons and Dovers, eventually purchasing eight acres of land in Shipshewana, Indiana, near his boyhood home, with the intent of constructing a museum dedicated to his cars. He made an agreement with the town to donate his collection of vehicles, along with the vacant land, if the town agreed to build a museum to house them. A stipulation of the deal with Shipshewana required the museum to remain open as long as both Eldon and his wife Esta were alive. Eldon died in January 2016, while Esta lived until May 2017. A committee was formed to save the museum by finding ways to fund its ongoing operation but could not devise a plan to close the gap between revenue and operating expenses, and with no clear path forward, the vote was taken to close the museum and sell its assets.

Per the IRS and the common law of trusts, three general rules apply: 1 - Full and fair value must be paid for the assets conveyed, meaning they can't be discounted for a quick sale or offered to another party at below-market value. 2 - The proceeds must be applied to proper charitable purposes, meaning the revenue generated from the sale must be used for the public good by Shipshewana. 3 - Private individuals must not receive improper private benefits, meaning that no person associated with the Shipshewana Car Museum, Inc. can benefit from the sale.

The Hostetler collection includes a wide variety of American cars and trucks, including an example of the very first Hudson automobile, a 1909 Model 20, along with one from the final production year, a 1956 Hornet sedan. a coachbuilt Murphy-bodied 1928 Town Car, and the 1917 Shaw Special, a Hudson-powered race car built atop a Duesenberg frame. Also on the block will be a 1937 Terraplane Pick Up Express, and a 1931 Series U "Greater Hudson" seven-passenger touring car.

For additional details, or to register as a bidder, visit Worldwide-Auctioneers.com.



Chuck Derer and Eldon Hostetler at the Hudson Museum on our 2014 Fall Tour

An Interesting Concept

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Members & Their Cars Out & About

Several GIRCCCA members had their cars out and at the shows early. Some days the weather cooperated and some days it didn't. But it didn't deter their eagerness to get these beauties shown.

The 1935 Chrysler Airflow (below left), co-owned by Mark Smith and Tom Kleinschmidt was the featured car at this year's Glenn Ellyn show. Shown below right is Bill Morris, seated on the running board of his 1932 Pierce Arrow, which took second place at the early June event. Another member at the show was Bob Joynt, who drove his 1932 Packard over to spend the day.



Cars & Cops was another early season (May 20th) opportunity to get the cars out. One entry was Russ Rodriguez's 1937 Packard limo, the official car of Joseph P. Kennedy, U.S. Ambassador to Great Britain, 1937-1940. John Brayton and his 1936 Chevrolet were there and were caught by the TV cameras.



May 19th was the 3rd Annual Palos Park Art & The Automobile show, where cars shared the grounds with a variety of fine artists. Below is Dan McCarthy, show co-ordinator, in front of Jim Tharp's 1932 Packard V12.



Photos courtesy Charles Falk and John Brayton

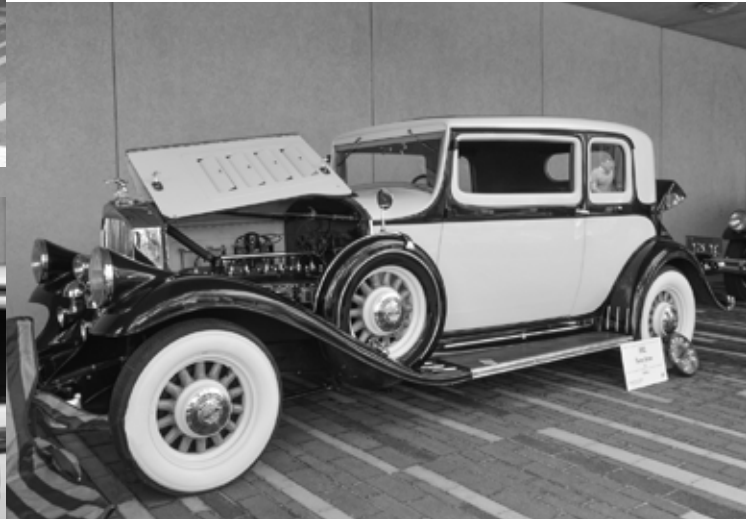
NEW ACQUISITIONS



Bud Schweppe not only worked the Oakbrook show, he displayed a car this year, showing off his newly acquired 1929 Model A Ford(nc).

Wilma and Bill Morris also acquired a new vehicle that they showed at the Oakbrook show - a soft yellow 1932 Pierce Arrow.

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