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"Let's go for a ride"

M. Blevins, editor



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Message from the Regional Director

Dear Members,

Judging by the shorter days and the leaves falling on the ground we know our summer is quickly drawing to a close. I hope you all have had a chance to make this one extra special with the countless choices of events and activities to tickle your car enthusiast blood. I know your board has worked hard to give you variety of activities to exercise your cars and visit auto venues while socializing with other club members.



Soon the board will be convening to set a calendar of events for next year. I hope you've taken the time to fill out the questionnaire that was sent to each of you. It's very important that we serve you in a way that will encourage your participation and bring value to your membership.

By the time you're reading this, the fall tour will be upon us. This tour represents a great value. You'll find many once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to view collections and historical places not seen by many. I would be remiss if I didn't give a shout out to the hard-working committee who put this tour together on your behalf. Thanks to Bill and Jim Friedrichs, Ed Schoenthaler, Charles Falk and Bud Schweppe. I've no doubt if you attend you'll be recalling the memories of this event for years to come.

I hope you circled the date of November 13 for our annual dinner at Arlington Park. I know it will be a special one. Until then.

CORDially
Russ

Russ Rodriguez,
GIRCCCA Regional Director

One of our long time members - Ed Schoenthaler - is in the hospital. with a serious condition. Ed will be isolated and treated for the next month and CANNOT have visitors except for his daughters but he can receive cards and letters of encouragement. His address is:

Ed Schoenthaler, patient
University of Chicago Hospitals
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Chicago, IL 60637

GIRCCCA 2016 Events

September 24 - Chestnut Square at the Glen - car show. Contact Russ Rodriguez 630-767-9000

Sept. 30 - Oct 2 - Fall Tour, Indianapolis area - combined with the Packard Club. Sign up sheets have been mailed.

November 13 - Annual Dinner - Details TBA

Other Events of Note

September 25 - Lake Geneva Boat Show

September 25th - Cartoberfest - Iron Gate Motor Condos in Naperville. 11am - 4pm. Enjoy German beer, brats and music by Die Musikmeisters German Band. This is an open event and you are welcome to invite friends and family.

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

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

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

Board Notes

As a member of the Illinois Region CCCA you are entitled to a free ad. We would like to bring that feature back to our newsletter. If you are in the market for, or have a Classic Car for sale, run an ad here in Up To Speed for FREE! Classic cars, parts, or related Classic automobilia are eligible - just email or call Maureen with that info and we will get your ad in the next Up To Speed.

2016 - 2017 Membership Directories are available. If you did NOT receive one and would like a copy, please contact Maureen at 815-483-8216 to have one mailed to you. If you prefer email, please email Mark Smith at flysmitty@sbcglobal.net to request your e-version.

Cover Photo: Reuben Taylor's 1926 Lincoln seven passenger sedan on the front lawn at Arlington Park

Editor's Corner



Summer is all but over. Fall means cooler weather, but hopefully it will still bring lots of warm, sunny days - perfect for carefree leisurely drives - like the upcoming Fall Tour. Unfortunately, I am not able to ride along this time. Other commitments are keeping me home that weekend. But as soon as the leaves begin to turn colors, I know I will be unable to resist some sort of road trip.

July and August were busy months for the membership with several fun activities. I got to meet a few members I personally had not previously met. It's always nice to see new faces - as well as the familiar ones - at these events.

2017 dates are starting to appear on the calendar. So far, there are events in Scottsdale, AZ, Reno, NV and New Orleans, LA - three wonderful places to visit - especially in months when IL weather makes us all want to get away. With any luck, it looks like I may have a busy spring!

Until then I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Annual Dinner in November.

- Maureen

After the kids all learned to drive, I took the opportunity to get a little 'refresher course' on driving a manual transmission thanks to Russ Rodriguez and his DeLorean



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Annual Picnic

July and August are always busy months for club members and 2016 was no exception. Concourses and Drives to participate in, vacations to take, and club events to attend.

The combined GIRCCCA/POC annual picnic was held on Sunday, July 24th at the beautiful Cantigny Gardens. Several members spent the entire day at Cantigny - first at the AACA car show, and then heading over to the picnic area. It was a long, and very hot day for those folks.

Picnic coordinator Bud Schweppe made arrangements with the park and coordinated the event with the Packard Club, who again provided the cooks. As always, with everyone's contributions to the food table there was a nice variety of delicious food!

Just about the time the picnic started to break up, storm clouds started to roll in. But our luck held and there were only a few sprinkles. Particularly lucky was Paul TerHorst, who had the top down on his Auburn. Just after most participants left, he was able to drive his car under the pavilion, keeping it dry as he waited out a thunder shower. Afterwards, he drove home under cloudy, but dry skies, with nary a drop falling inside the car to spoil his day.

And of course there is always a mini car show in the parking lot as members take the opportunity of a summer day to drive their Classics out to the park.

GIR Members in attendance: Russ Rodriguez, Mark Smith, Mike O'Toole, Charles & Joan Falk, Dan & Darlene Sobczyk, Tom & Jean Roche, Bud & Marleah Schweppe, Reuben & Emily Taylor, Bob & Sheila Joynt, John McNabola & family, Jim Manak & family, Bill & Wilma Morris, Paul TerHorst, Ed Schoenthaler, Carl Turano, Ray & Gail Bacci, Bob Starzyk



An 'umbrella top' Auburn - a class of it's own!



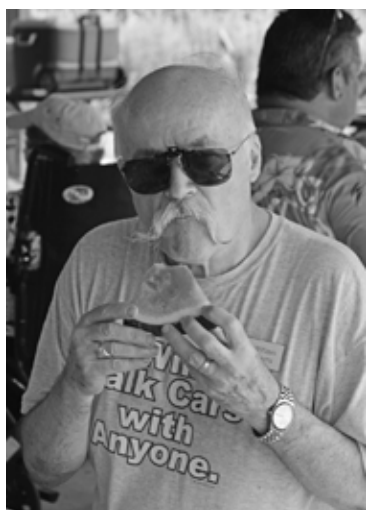
Picnic time is family time for the McNabola's - John, Jennifer, and daughters Gillian and Jessica and for the Manaks - James, son James, and Lucille



Annual Picnic



Patricia Norris does prep work as Bob LaSpina mans the grill



It wouldn't be a picnic without watermelon - Bill Morris gives it the taste test as Bob Joynt looks for something sweeter for dessert



A happy Bud Schweppe puts another successful picnic behind him



Ed Schoenthaler announces plans for the upcoming Fall Tour



Reuben Taylor's little dog Lucky wanted her taste of some picnic fare

Klairmont Kollection



Looking like rows of toy cars are just a few of the 300+ cars in Larry Klairmont's collection. This room is one of several on the main floor. The second floor is also divided into several rooms for various types of cars. Classics, small cars, concept cars, wooden cars, fifties and sixties cars are just some of the categories cars are grouped into. Displays also include reproductions of a gas station and a drive-in movie theater.



It was fun to meet and get a chance to chat with some Classic Car Club members from another region - N. Carolina. Lowell Carlson, Mack Spurrier (it was duly noted that Mack is from South Carolina), Brad Slater, official photographer, Ed McLean, and David Thorn

The week after the picnic was an outing to the Klairmont Kollection in Chicago. Russ Rodriguez, Charles Falk and Bud Schweppe coordinated our behind the scenes look at this very eclectic assortment of motor vehicles. Meeting up with our group was a five member contingent from North Carolina, on a driving tour of over 2500 miles round trip to various auto museums in the Midwest. Stops included Hyman Ltd in St. Louis, Volo Auto Museum, Studebaker Museum in South Bend, Gilmore and Henry Ford Museums, and the Concours at St. Johns, MI.



Always nice to see new faces at the events! This happy pair are cousins Lawrie and Ed Weed from Lake Geneva. Paul Callaghan and Carl Turano pictured at right

GIR Members at the Klairmont were Carl Turano, Paul Callaghan, Ed Weed, Lawrie Weed, Charles & Joan Falk and sons, and Joe Bortz & Debbie Powless



Look for more coverage of the Klairmont Kollection in the December issue of The Dashboard

Motors & Music at Arlington

The week began with a picnic and ended with another outdoor event - this time at Arlington Park International Race Track for their annual Motors & Music day. For the 3rd year in a row Arlington executives invited the club to provide the motors. Tom Roche again coordinated the event and put together a wonderful display of cars spanning eras from the '20's to the '80's. It was an exciting display of horsepower off the track to match the horsepower racing on the track.



It's good to have friends when your car won't start - or when your Locomobile has a flat tire



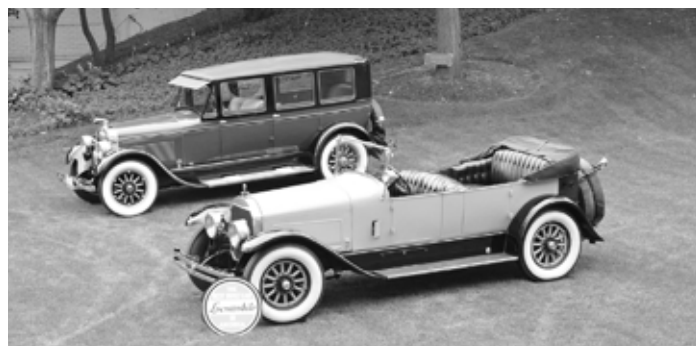
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Hagerty - Learn to Drive

Marmion Academy in Aurora was the location of the 'Learn to Drive' program, sponsored by Hagerty Insurance. First introduced in 2011, Hagerty puts this program on at various locations across the country every summer, aiming to not only teach but to hopefully pass on the passion and skills needed to keep the collector car community fueled for the next generations. Attendees have the opportunity to receive hands-on instruction on how to drive some of the most unique and iconic classic cars on the road while learning the lost art of operating a manual transmission on a closed-course.

Unfortunately, the day of the event dawned under threatening skies and those members planning on bringing out their Grand Classics® wisely kept them in the garage instead. There were however, enough interesting cars to drive that no one was disappointed. GIR Director Russ Rodriguez was the man behind putting this event in place, working on making it happen for the past two years.

Approximately 40 kids and 10 cars showed up for each session - one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The best part was the opportunity for each student to drive not one car, but every car, taking as many turns around the course behind a wheel as time allowed.

A brief classroom session was held prior to getting out on the course, where car owners gave a brief one-on-one demonstration as they drove, then switching places to let the student take the wheel.

There were lots of smiling faces with very little tire screeching throughout the day.



GIRCCCA and POC members and their 'drivers ed' cars: Russ Rodriguez, 1980 DeLorean (pictured), Jim Kleinschmidt, 2000 Corvette (pictured), Jack Bretall, 1968 VW Beetle, Don Brubaker, 1969 Alfa Romeo, Marty Cunningham, 1970MGB, Steve Dubrow, 1983 Porsche Cabriolet, Duane Hong, 1973 BMW, Bill Krieger, 1965 Mustang Fastback/1965 Corvette, Rick Lockman, 1970 TR6, Nick Weber, 1999 Porsche Carrera, Mike (last name not provided), 1962 Chevy BelAir. Hagerty Insurance also provided two cars for the course.



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