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Message from the Regional Director

Hello fellow car enthusiasts,

With this message I bring to you the last Up To Speed of the year. I hope you can look back at 2017 as the year that gave you many hours enjoying your four-wheel treasures and the company of like-minded individuals.

I want to send a special thank you to all of you who continue to participate in the club's events. You have a very hard-working board who does their best to provide unique opportunities and social experiences.

Presently we are in the midst of putting together the 2018 calendar. Have we missed anything that we could share with others? Do you know of some hidden treasures that we haven't had a chance to see? Perhaps you know of some back roads that would make for some excellent tour experiences. Now would be a great time to reach out to any of the board members and share your ideas.

Speaking of board members, I have the privilege of welcoming 2 new ones to the GIRCCA board. Mary Ellen Thielmann and Michelle James. Perhaps you know them both already but in the next Dashboard you'll have a chance to meet them both and learn about what feeds their passion for classic cars.

This is also the time of year where we organize the board. We are still in the process of sorting this out. I will be making some announcements soon.

Looking forward to seeing you at the annual dinner.

CORDially,
Russ



Members... and their cars... on the go

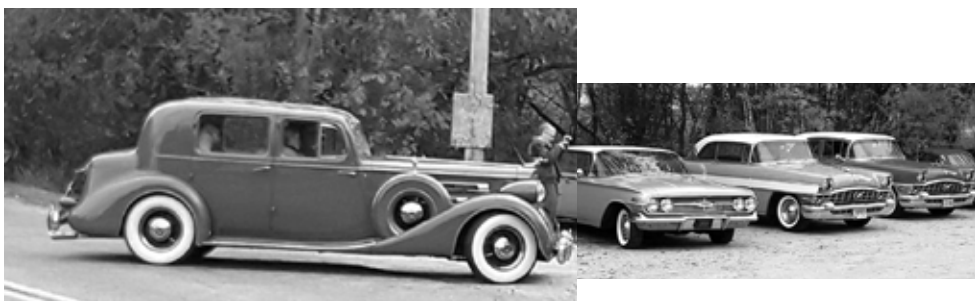
The first weekend in November is generally reserved for the Midwest's own 'Run To Brighton'. This year was no exception. Sunday, November 5th was the date of the 57th annual run.

John Brayton drove his 1936 Chevrolet Master DeLuxe Town Sedan (nc) (lower right) the 57 miles from Lake Bluff, IL to Brighton, WI. " Driving mostly back roads, we viewed many lovely homes and some wonderful Fall scenery as we drove through the countryside of Northern IL & Southern WI."

The temperature was around 50 degrees with a light rain. John says 100 cars registered but about half that showed up, blaming the low turnout on an unfavorable weather forecast.

John spotted a few other GIR members that day; Reuben Taylor, Tom Roche, and Dan and Darlene Sobczyk.

The Packard in the photo below is a 1935 1407 12 Club Sedan belonging to John & Jennifer McNabola of Park Ridge, IL.



Welcome to our newest club member
Timothy Heywood of Frankfort, IL

Cover Photo: Paul TerHorst's 1935 Auburn Cabriolet provides a touch of class no matter where it goes. Shown here at the 2017 Motors & Music Event at Arlington race course - also the location of our upcoming Annual Dinner on November 19.

Editor's Corner



The Holiday Season is upon us! Halloween, Thanksgiving, Hannukah, Christmas, New Years. Whew!

There is one house not too far from where I live that has a Christmas tree in the living room window, pumpkins on the porch, and an inflatable turkey and scarecrow in the front yard. It makes me want to wish everyone a Happy HallowThanksMas.

Whatever holiday you celebrate, I wish you and yours the best!

- Maureen



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Fall Tour

On the day of the Fall Tour Mother Nature blessed us with one of the most beautiful Autumn days we have seen. Warm and sunny, the only thing missing was the Fall color we are used to this time of year. It is very late this year and so many of the trees have yet to show off. In spite of that, the drive through the country was quite enjoyable.

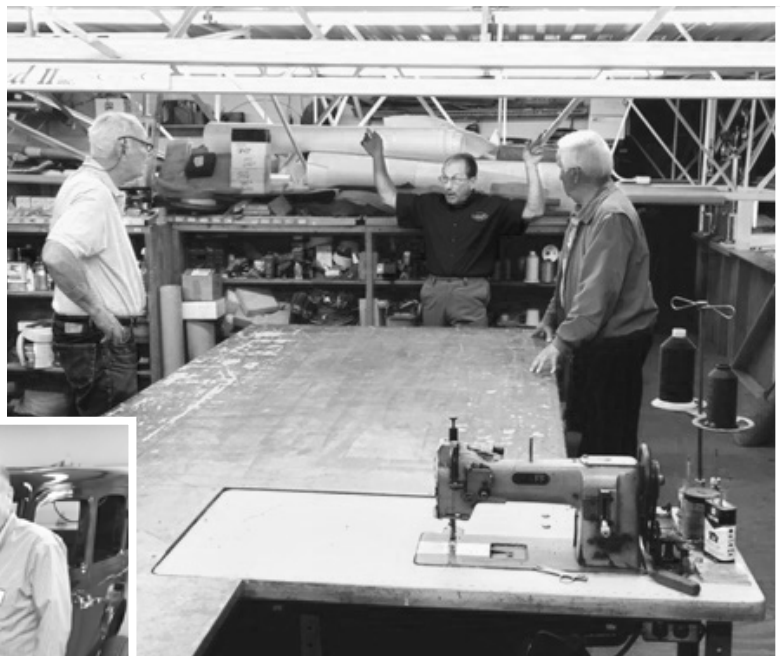
The tour started in Cary, IL at Restorations Unlimited. Ralph Morey showed the group around, detailing what he is currently working on and answering questions and then it was a short walk to the MIRPA offices to meet with Linda Daro who gave us some background on the former Meadowdale International Raceway.

It took about 45 minutes to get to our next stop, the Randy Yockey Family Museum in St. Charles, but it was perfect weather for a leisurely drive. The Yockey Collection was quite impressive. Everyone was in awe of the detail that Randy, his wife Debbie, and their children have put into it. The Yockeys provided us with a special treat - Debbie made root beer floats for everyone!

The final stop was a short drive away, in Batavia, IL where we toured the Batavia Depot Museum. What a little gem. It is amazing how much is packed into the small building, with displays on two floors. Chris Winter opened the museum early that day for our group and gave us some background information before letting us browse at our leisure.

We gathered for a late lunch at the Country House Restaurant where we enjoyed good food and good company as we talked over the day's events.

All in all, it was a day well spent. Many thanks to Bud Schweppe and Charles Falk for the planning and to Mark Smith for providing printed maps for the drivers.



Fall Tour



Yockey 'Main Street'



Sinclair Station in front of Floyd's



Debbie's Diner

The Yockey Family Museum was a delight. Randy Yockey developed a passion for old cars (Fords in particular) when he first began working, at age 14, for Debbie's father, a Ford dealer in Iowa. Today, as co-owner and vice president at Friendly Ford in Roselle, a family owned and operated dealership, he obviously still has an affinity for Fords.

The museum has been 10 years in the making, although Randy says they still continue to add, take out, or tweak things as they see fit. The attention to detail is outstanding. Many hours were spent just sitting in the building, he said, trying to envision how to incorporate what they wanted into their dream. Some of the work was done professionally, but for the most part, it is the work of Randy, Debby, and their four kids.

What looks like a main street is the centerpiece, with alcoves branching off into different 'stores'; Debbie's Diner, Floyd's, (an exact replica of Randy's grandfather's store in Iowa), a tractor collection, a repair shop, and Sisters Saloon. Although it may serve hard drinks at times, on this day the Saloon was used to serve up delicious, much appreciated Root Beer Floats.

The bar, found at a flea market and finished off with glass display cabinets from a jewelry store, like the rest of the museum, has been a labor of love.

Randy and Debbie have been married since 1980.

Bud Schweppe finds a piano to play

Burt Richmond (left) and Ed Vilwoc enjoy those Root Beer Floats



Fall Tour

The Batavia Depot Museum is definitely worth visiting. Built in 1854, it was moved to its current location in the 1970's. It is one of the rare buildings that have been placed on the National Register *after* being moved and is one of the oldest Burlington Northern depots in existence in the U.S. Also on the grounds are an original 1907 Chicago, Burlington and Quincy RR caboose and the original Coffin bank - Batavia's first bank.

Inside the museum are exhibits rich with railroad memorabilia and the history of Batavia, focusing on its days as a plains settlement and the various industries that provided employment for many.

The Depot Museum is located along the Fox River at 155 Houston St, Batavia, IL



The Batavia Depot Museum



One of the more interesting signs from the exhibits

Jean Roche enjoys a walk through the 1907 Caboose.

In 1875 Mary Todd Lincoln was committed for several months to Bellevue Place in Batavia, a private sanitarium for wealthy women. The furniture is the furniture from the room she occupied and most likely used while confined there.

Batavia was once 'Windmill Capital of the World' with six windmill factories.

Jeff Heilman, and Linda and Jim Kleinschmidt take a break, enjoying the beautiful weather.

Jim Kleinschmidt looks ready to purchase a ticket for the next train out.



Fall Tour



Several people drove their vintage automobiles on the tour. A nice sight.



Many thanks to all of our day's gracious hosts: (clockwise:) Ralph Morey, Linda Daro, Chris Winter and Randy and Debbie Yockey

GIR members on the tour: Russ Rodriguez, Bud Schweppe, John & Dawn Brayton, Bob Mills, Gary Jensen, Jeff Heilman, Dan & Darlene Sobczyk, Marge & Stuart Kleinschmidt, Jim & Linda Kleinschmidt, Tom & Jean Roche, Bill & Virginia Hexamer, Charles & Joan Falk, Mary Ellen Thielemann, Burt Richmond & Diane Fitzgerald, Ed Villwock, Jim, Lucille, & Jim (Jr) Manak, Roger & Susan Stock.



Cars & Kids

Most, if not all of our members belong to more than one auto-related club. This past summer, I checked out a charity event sponsored by the Frankfort (IL) Car Club, a club to which several of our 'south side' members belong.

This annual event for a very worthwhile cause, is now in it's 18th year. Cars of all makes and models show up, meeting at a downtown parking lot where the drivers are treated to pizza, then caravan a couple of miles to a kids camp, where kids suffering from or



Dennis Heywood gets his passengers ready to go

recovering from cancer, are spending the week. The kids get to roam the parking lot, choosing which car they want to ride in. After everybody has made their selections, they are treated to a drive in the surrounding countryside after which everyone comes back to camp for ice cream.

There were about 75 cars at this year's event, and I ran into several members of GIRCCCA.: Paul and Debbie Dybinski, Jeff Heilman, Ray Levy, Dennis Heywood and Tim Heywood. From all appearances, the drivers had as good a time as the kids.



Debbie and Paul Dybinski



Ray Levy

Board Notes

As is our usual custom, the November Board Meeting will be a planning meeting for the coming year; activities are considered, dates are selected, and past activities are reviewed to see which were successful and where we can do better. The Board is ALWAYS open to suggestions. If you have any activity you would like to see this club participate in, or if you know of an interesting museum, collection or historic location we can add to any of the events on our calendar, please contact any one of the board members. Our emails are always listed on the back page of this newsletter.

Note from Paul TerHorst

I am back home, and on the mend. Taking therapy. I want to thank all of the beautiful people of GIRCCCA who sent cards, called, or made a personal visit. Particular thanks to Charles Falk, Jim Manz, Jack Bowser, and Dan & Darlene Sobczyk who took time to come and spend some time with me.

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3:00 pm Dinner - Buffet style with turkey, ham, salmon, salads and sides

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