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"Let's go for a ride"

M. Blevins, editor



Message from the Regional Director

Greetings fellow club members:

Even though as we looked outside today, we are reminded winter has no intention of shaking its grip anytime soon, I find it comforting to know that being a car hobbyist in Chicago gives us seasons we must learn to live with if we're to enjoy the car hobby. So now that we aren't tempted to drag our toys out in the snow, freezing temperatures and salty roads, nature is providing us an opportunity to catch up on some inside projects, like reading, and maybe even some self reflection. It's in the latter category I find myself looking for ways to enjoy another aspect of sharing with other car enthusiasts.

I think it was Jay Leno who said "he doesn't buy cars, he buys stories". Well, there's not a one of us who doesn't have a good story or two that they've earned while pursuing their passion of enjoying Old Cars. A few years ago I had the opportunity to work with my brother Robert, who is the author in the family, to create some stories about some of our legacy club members. You may recall we were able to capture some of Jim De Bickero's story in several installments. We also had the pleasure of interviewing Chuck Kelly. Sadly, both of these storytellers have left us. We still have our cherished memories of them, as well as the stories they left behind. I know there is much more work that we can do but finding the time has created an insurmountable obstacle for me. Both my brother and I still have plates full of other responsibilities that can't be deferred. I did, however, come up with an alternative that gives us a similar peek at the lives of some of our long-time members without a considerable investment of time to document this. I therefore would like to announce in this issue, you will find our first installment of a feature I'm calling "A Look In The Rearview Mirror". We will attempt to offer up opportunities of taking a look at some of the car experiences and memories for those who have enjoyed the passion and the gift of time. I am especially happy to announce that in these pages you will find our first installment authored by one of our most senior, a beloved expert in the Classic Car hobby, Bob Joynt. I hope you enjoy reading about, and perhaps learning something new about Bob. I know I did.

I look forward to seeing you at as many events as you can make this year. I know it will be a good one if you do!

CORDially,
Russ



GIR/CCCA 2025 Events

March 23 - "Beautiful" the Carol King Musical - Drury Lane, Oakbrook. 12 noon for buffet brunch and show, or 2 pm if you're just joining for the performance. Registration Form enclosed

March 26 - 29 - CCCA Annual Meeting - St. Louis, MO

May 6 - Westbridge Assisted Living Car Show (formerly Wyndemere) - Winfield. Cars Wanted!

May 10 - Spring Garage Tour - We will be visiting two collections! Konnie Kupier in Griffith, IN (50+ cars) and Hil Raab, Crown Point, IN (50+ cars). Watch your emails for sign up sheets.

May 30- June 1 – Gilmore, The CCCA Experience

June 15 - Father's Day Car Show - Oakbrook
Registration Form Enclosed

July 20 - GIR/POC Annual Picnic - Fabyan Preserve, Batavia

July 17 - 20 – CCCA Grand Classic

September - (final date TBD) Learn to Drive Stick
- Autobahn Course, Joliet. Need Cars and Drivers!

October Fall Tour - Date and Location TBD

November - Annual Dinner - Date and location TBD
(Either Nov 9 or 16)

Other Events of Note

Amelia Island Concours - March 6 - 9 2025

May 31 – June 6 - 58th Annual Packard National,
July 12 - Copshaholm

July 13 – RROC Concours

Pebble Beach Concours - August 17, 2025

Geneva Concours - August 24, 2025

August 28, August 30 – ACD Festival

October 7-10 – AACA Fall Fest - Hershey



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Editor's Corner



We're off to another year of what I hope will be good times, and lots of them. The Board has been planning and has a few events inked on the calendar already. In fact, you'll find registration forms for two of them in this mailing - an afternoon at Drury Lane, and the annual Oakbrook Show. Others are still in the planning stages. One of the hardest things is coming up with dates for club events that aren't going to conflict with the bigger, better known events (especially the national ones) that everyone tries to attend. As always, let me know if you're showing your car at one of these out of state events. We'd love to hear your report on them. If you show your car or not, if you win an award or not, share your experience with the rest of us. We need to know what we're missing.

The Board is always open to suggestions for events, too, or a tour destination. Feel free to make suggestions with a call or an email to Russ or myself.

Russ has come up with a great idea to interview some of those long-time members. So many members, old and new, have stories to tell. We don't often get a chance to sit with some of the people we'd like to and hear their stories. And not just the stories of your cars. It's amazing what some of you have done, and have accomplished in your lives.

Some of you may have noticed that we have been having issues with our website. We are working on it and it will soon be back up and running, keeping you internet savvy folks up to date with as many car-related events as we can find. Summer will be here in a few short months. I can't wait to get to that first car show of the season! I wonder who I'll run in to.

Until then, we hope you'll join us at Drury Lane for dinner and a show. I'm sure we have a lot to catch up on.

~ *Maureen*



Just a reminder! It's time to renew your membership for the upcoming year. You can renew your membership, join, or download the form online.

<https://www.classiccarclub.org/join>

If you'd like to place an ad, please contact the editor for details.

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A Look In The Rearview Mirror with Bob Joynt

What is your first memory of connecting with cars?

When I was 5 years old, walking to kindergarten, I noticed a '41 Lincoln Continental parked on the street. Having just learned the alphabet, I was able to phonetically figure out the name of the car. At dinner that evening, I told my father about the most beautiful car I'd ever seen and it's name was L i n c o l n C o n t i n e n t a l . He agreed this was a beauty.

What was your first love affair with a car and did you ever buy it?

When I was 11 years old, I visited a roadside Museum in Holland, Michigan and fell in love with a 1920 Locomobile Model 48 Dual Cowl Phaeton on display. I continued to visit the museum/car/owner, ultimately bringing my family with me for 41 years before I was able to purchase the car from the son of the deceased owner. Even today, after owning the car for 30 years, I am still amazed to see it in my garage and declare "I cannot believe I actually own this wonderful car".



You have a blank check and can buy any car, what would you get and why?

My ultimate dream car is a Model J Duesenberg Murphy Beverly sedan which I consider Gordon Buehrig's finest design. There is not one line out of place on this spectacular car. Of the approximately 8 built, 7 exist so the possibility of owning one still is valid. While I am temporarily financially embarrassed, I am sure it is only temporary and a Beverly is in my future!

What your favorite cruising song to listen to while in one of your cars?

"Flamingo Express" by the Royaltones or "Help Me Rhonda" by the Beach Boys.

What car do you wish you kept?

I wish I'd kept my 1953 Buick Skylark which I owned from 1962 to about 1980.

What advice would you give 20 year old self when it comes to collecting cars

My most important advice for any collector is only buy cars which are aesthetically pleasing to you. The problem with all old cars is that they break down and it's much easier to forgive a car if it looks good to you. You can at least enjoy looking at it, regardless of whether or not it is running.

Everyone who has owned a collector car has stories. What are some of your favorites?

When I was 5 or 6 years old, a classmate invited me to go swimming at their country club (this was in Tucson, Arizona). His mother picked us up in her new 1948 Chrysler Town & Country convertible with the top down. When we arrived at the club, the car jockeys yelled out "This one does not go back in the lot but stays up front where we can keep an eye on it." I learned that the red carpet is thrown out for the owners of particularly beautiful cars.

When I was about 7 years old, my Uncle Wes bought the 1st Jaguar 120 Roadster (alloy body) in Arizona. He swung by our house to give my mother a ride. As they roared into the distance, I stood in the road and watched my mother's straw hat fly off her head and slowly cartwheel through the air to the ground. I swore then I would own a Jaguar some day. I've owned a total of 6 Jaguars including 2 now - a 1959 XK 150 S Roadster and a 2007 XK Convertible.

Approximately 20 years ago, we showed our one-off 1940 Cadillac Executive Custom, originally owned by Lawrence Fisher, President of Cadillac and a Fisher brother, at the Pebble Beach Concours. During the course of the day, a spectator asked me if I was the original owner of the car. That would have made me well over 100 years old. This was not much of an ego booster!

Sheila (my blushing bride) and I met at a dorm mixer at Michigan State in 1962 when Sheila was a Freshman and I was a sophisticated Sophomore. In the following Spring, we decided to drive my 1932 Packard Phaeton to visit her home in Chicago, attend a fraternity party at Northwestern and a CCCA event at Glenview Naval Station. This was to be her first exposure to the old car hobby. The trip over was literally the trip from hell with pouring rain (the side curtains were useless to keep us dry), the engine broke down from soaked wiring, the radiator blew over on the Dan Ryan at Rush Hour (we had to search the Loop for water) but we eventually made it to her parent's home in Wilmette. When we pulled in the drive, Sheila exclaimed " WOW ! That was a lot of fun ! Amazingly enough, after 60 plus years of additional old car capers, she still views most of these adventures to be fun.

What words, or saying do you live by?

Rule #1 - Don't sweat the small stuff. Rule #2 - It's all small stuff. AND if you can't fight and you can't flee, FLOW !

GIRCCCA MID-WINTER OUTING

Sunday March 23, 2025

It's been a while since we met at Drury Lane, Oakbrook for dinner and a show. It's time to do it again!

Option #1 - dinner and a show - meet at 12 noon on Sunday, March 23 at Drury Lane Theatre, Oakbrook for a fantastic brunch in the beautiful dining room. Afterwards we will head over to the theatre to see the acclaimed musical.

Option #2 - Show only. Showtime is 2:00 pm. Make your selection below.

The club has received a generous group discount for the tickets and for the champagne brunch.

Individually, this combo would cost \$145.

Beautiful *The Carole King Musical*

The captivating story of Carole King's meteoric rise to stardom, from humble beginnings to her undeniable status as one of the most celebrated voices in popular music. With melodies such as "I Feel the Earth Move" and "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman," this production weaves an emotional tapestry rich with nostalgia. Not just a musical, it's an immersive celebration of resilience, creativity, and the authentic spirit of a music legend. It has received 5 star reviews and standing ovations from audiences everywhere.

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Please RSVP by February 28th

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A. Blum, Treasurer

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- THERE IS A \$30 ENTRY FEE FOR NON GIRCCA MEMBERS
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Board Notes

Treasurer's Report for 2024

We enjoyed numerous events and activities in 2024 and have many more to look forward to in 2025. I'm happy to report that our club saw a modest increase in our bank balance last year. Here is a brief summary of our 2024 financials.

Bank Account	Primary Sources of Revenue
01/01/24 Balance \$34,713.25	Oakbrook Show (net) \$4,768.50
12/31/24 Balance \$36,551.05	Dues \$3,385.00
2024 Increase \$1,837.80	Advertising income \$1,025.00

Our largest expenses of the year were related to our award-winning publications. We incurred \$8,422 last year for design, printing and mailing. I think all club members agree they are top notch. Our region was presented with another Golden Quill Award for *The Dashboard*.

Our greatest source of revenue was the Father's Day show at Oakbrook. It was a fun day and offered a wonderful variety of cars. Another important source comes from ads in "The Dashboard" and "Up to Speed". If your business (or that of someone you know) would benefit from reaching out to our membership via these high-caliber publications, please contact Maureen Blevins (maureenblevins@yahoo.com).

We are a not-for-profit club, and as such, we generally try to break even on most events. The cost of some events is even subsidized to encourage participation. The more you participate, the more value (and fun) you enjoy.

If you have any questions about our club financials, feel free to ask.

~Alan Blum, Treasurer

While it still feels very much like winter outside, we're excited to look ahead to a fantastic year filled with events we can't wait to share with you! We're kicking off 2025 with a special social event on March 23 at Drury Lane, where we'll enjoy a delicious brunch followed by the show "*Beautiful*." In May, we'll bring back a favorite tradition, with a few classic cars on display at Wyndemere for the residents to enjoy, as well as our highly anticipated Spring Garage Tour at Kuipers Garage. June, of course, marks the return of our annual Father's Day Car Show at OakBrook – an event that has something for everyone in the family to enjoy!

In July, we're planning our annual picnic, which we'll host in conjunction with the Packard Club. It's always a great time to relax, connect, and enjoy some incredible food and cars. Then, in September, we'll be holding a Manual Shift Driving School, where we'll teach participants the timeless skill of driving a manual transmission car—an experience that's becoming rarer but still so rewarding! We'll finish the year with our always memorable Annual Dinner in November, where we'll celebrate the year's events and the amazing community we've built.

These are just a few of the exciting highlights we have in store for 2025. We hope this year will be filled with plenty of opportunities to get out on the road, enjoy our fantastic cars, and create lasting memories with fellow enthusiasts. Keep an eye out for details for individual events as they come around. We look forward to seeing you all there!

~ Jamie Smith, Recording Secretary



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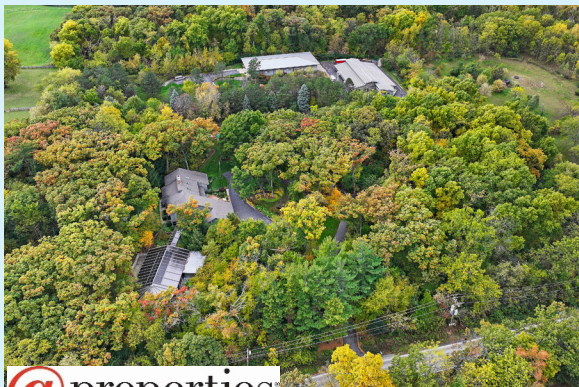


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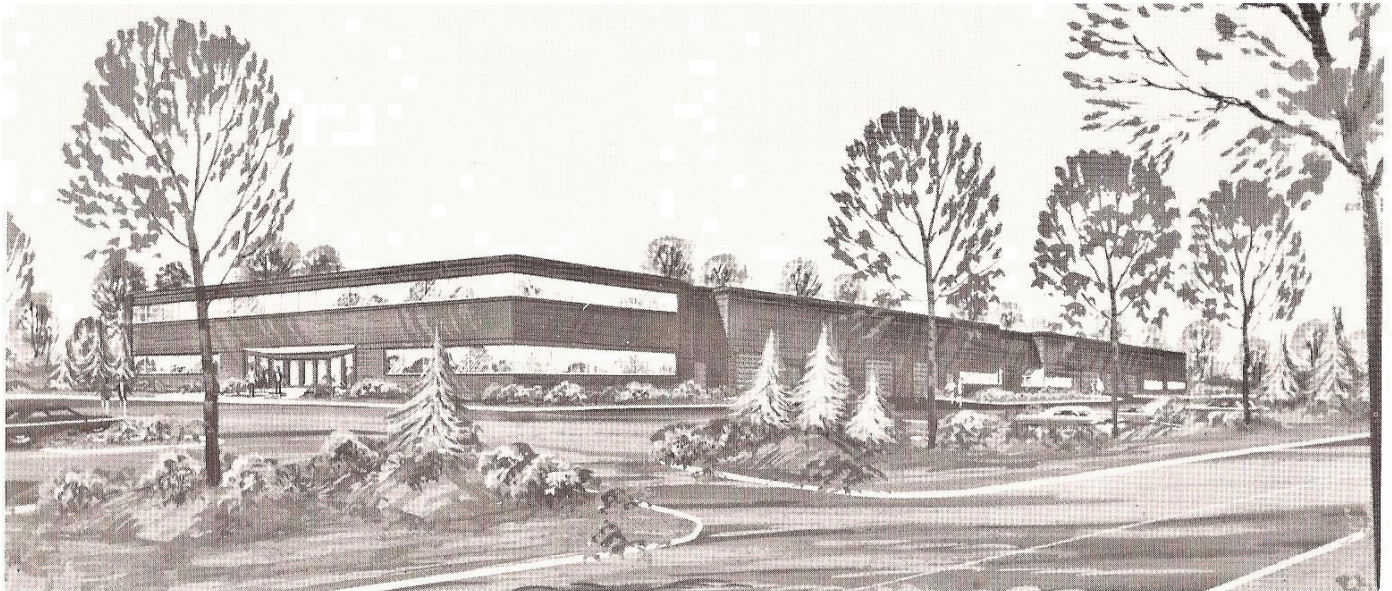


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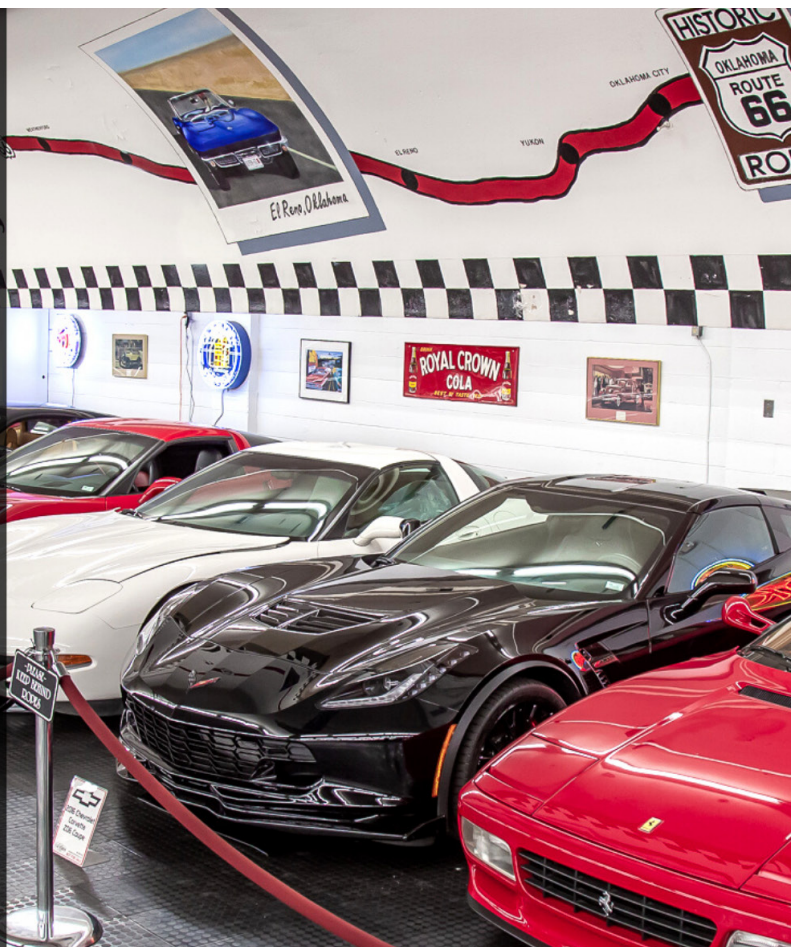
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