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"Let's go for a ride"

M. Blevins, editor



Message from the Regional Director

Hello fellow club members,

We are well into the new year and the schedule for car events is filling quickly.

I invite you to look online at our website to help you make choices and plan this year's schedule. www.girccca.com



This is not only a website with your club's events on it, it also contains as much information as we can have on other clubs and activities that you may or may not be a member of. It also will have a calendar of cruise nights so that any given night of the year you may find something car related to scratch that itch. We would welcome any car related activities you may know about so we can be the one stop source for car enthusiasts looking for something to do.

I'm very pleased to announce that we will be collaborating with the local chapter of AACA to bring you ONE combined fall tour. This will be the plan for the foreseeable future to avoid conflicts between our two clubs.

This year the AACA will take the lead and plan the fall tour during its normal 3rd week in October. GIRCCA will assume this responsibility for next year during that same weekend. And then the third year it reverts back to AACA. I'd welcome your feedback regarding this direction we are taking.

Because we all can appreciate the limited amount of good driving days we have in a year, we will be looking to cooperate and combine activities with as many groups as is reasonably possible.

To that end our first activity was a tour of Chicago Vintage Motors, the Driehaus Collection. We invited the Chicago Packard Club as well as the AACA to this. We had an outstanding turn out.

Saturday, July 18 will be our combined Packard/GIR club picnic. Stay tuned for further updates.

In September we will have an event with the Rolls Royce club that will take us on a Railroad excursion up north. It promises to be something truly special.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as I can during this year's events.

Wishing you smooth roads and clear skies.

CORDially,
Russ

GIR/CCCA 2020 Events

April 26 - Spring Garage Tour

May 9: Learn to Drive Manual - 8:30 am - 1 pm Autobahn, Joliet, IL Details TBA

June 5 - 7: The Experience at Hickory Corners

June 6: Annual Glen Ellyn Car Show

June 21 - Oak Brook Fathers Day Car Show

July 18: Annual Picnic - Details TBA Please note, the day has been changed to Saturday, the 18th.

August 23 - Geneva Concours

September 20 - GIR/RR Club - East Troy, WI
Railroad Museum and luncheon

October 15 - 18 - GIR/AACA Fall Tour

November 15: Annual Dinner - Details TBA

Other Events of Note

Keels & Wheels Concours d'Elegance - May 2-3

Greenbrier Concours d'Elegance - May 3

Concours d' Elegance at Copshaholm - July 11

Keeneland Concours d'Elegance - July 18

Concours d'Elegance of America, St. John's - July 26

Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance - August 16

ACD Festival - September 3 - 6

October 7 - 10 AACA Fall Event at Hershey

We offer heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of the members listed below

In Memoriam

Roger V. Stock

February 1958 - February 2020

Roger passed away suddenly at his home in Country Club Hills. He is survived by his wife, Susan, a daughter, and two grandchildren.

Services for Roger were held on February 15th.

In Memoriam

Charles William "Bill" Friedrich

Antique cars and other modes of transportation were a lifelong hobby and he held many leadership positions in those clubs over the years including President of the national Packard Club and Director of the local Packards of Chicagoland. He is survived by his wife, Janet, and leaves behind his family and many friends. Friedrich; loving family and friends.

Services were held February 9th and 10th.

Editor's Corner



Start your engines! We had our first event of the year and that can only mean that Spring is on it's way!
Winter wasn't so bad this time around, but I'm sure we are all looking forward to brighter, longer, warmer days.

The first of the 2020 car events have begun - Boca, Amelia Island, and the Scottsdale auctions for starters. I wish I could have been there to enjoy not only the sunshine, but the fabulous autos on display. I know some of you made it.

- *Maureen*

p.s. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who sent cards or dropped me a note of condolence on the death of my mom. It was bittersweet. Although we always miss those we loved, watching someone deteriorate with a disease or suffer pain, their passing is tempered by knowing that their tribulations are over. She was 97.

She remembered cars with running boards and rumble seats and enjoyed going to car shows with me when she was still able to. When she was a kid, not too many people owned a car, but she remembered that her grandfather owned a Whippet. She was an author of four books, and on the back cover of one of them she featured a photo of one of her flapper era aunts, seated on the hood.

Cars play a part in all of our lives. We remember those we have owned; some with fondness and others with a laugh. I think we all can recall the car that made the biggest impression on us in our youth. The one car that made us drool, daydream, or desperately desire. How lucky you are if you were able to make that dream come true.

I would love to share some of your stories, so please, if you are willing to tell your story, I'd love to hear it and share it with our fellow members. I look forward to hearing from you!

Cover Photo: Inside the Chicago Vintage Motor Carriage garage, the Richard Driehaus Collection.
Front and Center: a 1930 Cadillac Limousine Convertible. Behind it is a 1941 Graham, Hollywood Supercharged(nc)

YOU DON'T HAVE TO OWN A CLASSIC CAR

to be a member of The Classic Car Club!

All you need is an appreciation for these fine automobiles.
We encourage everyone to join us on our tours and events
no matter what you drive.

Tech Tip

Keep tabs on the fluids; oil, water, brake fluid.

Run the car. This is what it was meant for. Run it at least once a month. Drive it, turn the wheels, engage the gears. Sitting too long dries up seals and rubber components. Running it for 30 minutes will blow out dampness and condensation.

Don't park it long term on dirt or gravel. This allows moisture into the car from underneath. Make sure the parking surface has good drainage.

Keep it out of the sun. Sun is hard on paint - it dries it out and dulls the shine. It also bakes interiors; fabrics can change color, leather can become dry and brittle

Keep it clean. Wash out the wheel wells and the undercarriage. Vacuum the interior. Keep it waxed.

A good detailer can brighten up a dull paint job. But be warned! Don't go to someone who has never worked on classic cars. They can literally take the paint off with that buffer if they don't know what they're doing.

Welcome to our Newest Member Robert Boyle

It's Renewal Time!

If you have not renewed, this will be your last publication. Please don't let it be so.

Our new 2020 directory is about to go to the printer, so if you are renewing, but have not done it yet, please give Maureen a call or an email and let her know to keep your name on the mailing list.

Thank you!

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News and Notes

Looking Forward To...

Spring Garage Tour

April 26 - 9:30 am - 2 pm

Stops will include

RTM Restorations

Elgin Fire Barn #5 Museum

Lunch at Al's Cafe & Creamery

Watch your mailbox for complete information and registration



Looking Forward To...

Seventh Annual Glen Ellyn

Vintage Auto Fest

Saturday, June 6 10 am - 3 pm

Location: Stacy's Tavern Museum & Glen Ellyn History Center

Pierce Arrow will be the featured car. This year Best of Show Awards will be given and Mitch Frumkin will be the featured speaker in the History Center. His new audio-visual presentation will be on the history of the Chicago Auto Show and dream/concept cars over the years.



For event information contact

Karen Hall, Executive Director Glen Ellyn Historical Society

630-469-1867 director@gehs.org or

Jim Manak, Secretary Packards of Chicagoland

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Looking Forward To...

2020 Geneva Concours d'Elegance

Sunday August 23 10am - 2pm

Location: Downtown Geneva, IL

Featured this year will be:

Duesenberg - 100 years, Citroen - 100 years, Ford Letter Cars, Mini Coopers, Corvair, and Chicago Manufactured Cars

For event information contact

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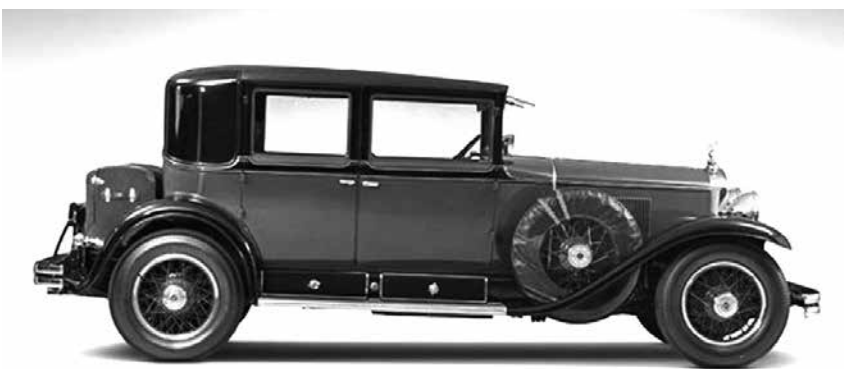


News and Notes

Clive Cussler, the best-selling author of over 50 suspense and adventure novels, passed away on February 24th.

Born in Aurora, Illinois and raised in California, Cussler was a noted collector of classic automobiles, owning over 100 of the finest examples of custom coachwork and 50's convertibles. His Dirk Pitt series featured a hero with a soft spot for rare and classic automobiles, vehicles that are actually part of Cussler's own collection. His collection was available to the public in the Cussler Auto Museum in Arvada, CO. He was a well known participant in Concours, most recently at the 2020 Boca Raton concours.

Cussler also founded his own National Underwater and Marine Agency and participated in dozens of searches for old ships.



For Sale:

Al Capone's former vehicle, a bulletproof 1928 Cadillac, has been listed for \$1 million by Celebrity Cars. The infamous gangster's car is among the earliest surviving bulletproof vehicles, fitted with glass almost an inch thick and lined with nearly 3,000 pounds of armor plating. Reportedly, it has a rear window rigged to drop quickly, "allowing occupants to fire upon would-be pursuers." The modified windows are also designed so the glass can be

raised an extra inch or so, revealing a circular cutout large enough to accommodate the muzzle of a machine gun.

Capone apparently purchased the Cadillac from Emil Denmark, who owned a dealership in Chicago. and armored in a body shop owned by Ernest Capstran, his son Richard Capstran told Celebrity Cars.

The Cadillac's history has been documented since 1932 and can be tracked through references in old newspapers, IRS records, and accounts provided by its more recent owners. According to Capstran, when the scope of the work was explained, his father said, "'We don't do that kind of work here.' And they (Capone's men) said 'you do now.'" "Capone showed up in person to settle the bill and paid Ernest Capstran double the asking price," the story goes.

The four-speed manual transmission vehicle has logged 1,111 miles. Prospective buyers need to put down a \$20,000 deposit before price negotiation.



You May Have Missed This

I know I did. Thanks to Robin James for being so observant and spotting this cabinet while touring the Driehaus Collection.

A Raymond Loewy DF-2000 Cabinet by Doubinsky Freres, France, circa 1970s. Wood and laminate, with four red and orange molded plastic door fronts. The interior consists of two bottle caddies, four drawers, two adjustable shelves.

Loewy was a prolific designer, designing cars, logos, airplane interiors, fashion, and more. He even worked with NASA as a 'habitability consultant' to improve the psychology, safety, and comfort of manned spacecraft.

Leap Day Event

Kudos to Dan McCarthy, Stephen Murphy, Kim Roberts, and Michelle James for putting together an outstanding event. Kim Roberts and Michelle James manned the registration table and got everyone signed in.

Once everyone was in the building, we had freedom to roam the collection at will. We were given plenty of time and there were lots of pictures being taken. Then it was time to grab a snack and visit with friends while we waited for the program to begin. Tables were set with fresh flowers, courtesy of Mary Ellen Thielemann, which really brightened up the day. Several lucky people got to take them home.

The program was started off by Steven Murphy, with a slide show of the sights of the Retro Mobile Paris. It was amazing. I'm sure more than one person put it on their bucket list. Mary Ellen's portion of the slide presentation was on the flea market finds. Don't think junk - it was definitely an upscale experience with lots of French couture to be had. Russ Rodriguez rounded out the slide presentation with some amazing photos from the Chateau de Compiègne, where concept cars from numerous countries were displayed. The program wrapped up with a fanciful video put together by Dave Enger.

A great program to start out the year. If this is any indication of what this year's programs will be like, we are in for a great year!



1930 Cord L29

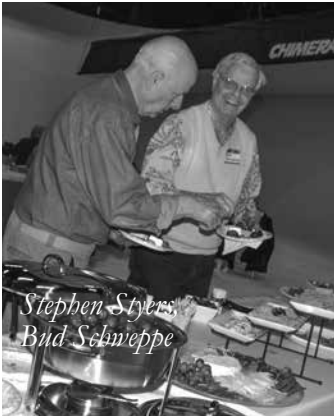


(above) It was nice to be able to get up close and peek inside the cars - like this 1941 Graham(nc).

Below and below right the 1949 Kurtis Sports Car (nc)



Leap Day Event



*Stephen Styers
Bud Schweppe*



*Charles Falk, Russ Rodriguez, Mary Ellen
Thielemann*



*Maggie Roberts, Dan McCarthy,
Emmet McCarthy, Kim Roberts*



*front to back:
1937 Cord Phaeton,
1942 Cadillac Town Car,
1934 Ford Brewster*

What a treat to be able to get up close to this 1933 Pierce Arrow - Silver Arrow. (Our cover car from Summer 2018) Definitely a crowd favorite!



**Salon
Retromobile
Paris 2020**

February 4-9, 2020



Members in Attendance: Tom Kleinschmidt, Steve Styers, Kim & Maggie Roberts, Bud Schweppe, Russ Rodriguez, Mary Ellen Thielemann, Reuben Taylor, Michelle & Robin James, Tom & Jean Roche, Bob Mills, Kelsey Bell, Mark, Nancy, and Jamie Smith, Dan & Emmet McCarthy, Carl Turano, Al & Carole Sikora, Patt & John Barrett, Bob & Sheila Joynt, Chuck Derer, Charles Falk & sons, Nick Covello, Paul Callighan, Bud Schweppe, Gary Jensen. Jim, James & Lucille Manak, Jordon Beller & Judy Siegel, George Weathered, Wally Ruppert, Kent & Nancy Marburger and a number of guests. Our attendance was 70+

Out and About

A few lucky people were able to avoid some of our winter weather and head to sunny Florida. Bob and Bonnie Starzyk were on hand at the **Boca Raton Concours** to snap a photo of club member, Claude Ohanesian, as he received his award.



*In the winners circle: Claude Ohanesian
American Pre-War, 1937-1942 – Closed
Excellence in Class: 1938 Packard Super Eight
Sedan deVille Town Car, Barker*

Charles Falk, our intrepid roving columnist, braved the snow and went to the **Chicago Auto Show**.

Impressions: prices out-of-sight; more SUVs than one can comprehend; the C-8 Corvette looks more impressive each time I see it. I like the 2021 Chevy(nc) Tahoe a lot but my heart was stolen by the 2020 Bullitt Mustang(nc). Thanks to my youngest son, Keith, for driving and keeping me out of trouble.



(above) A rare 1967 Mazda(nc) Cosmo Sport with rotary engine. Only a handful were built.



(right) A first generation Corvette(nc) concept car. It was the fifties and the heyday of the station wagon. Someone thought there would be a market for a "hot" wagon. It was never built.

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