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"Let's go for a ride"

M. Blevins, editor



Message from the Regional Director

Hello fellow club members.

It looks like we've made it through another year full of life's experiences; some good and some challenging, I'm sure.

One of the best things about starting a new calendar is it gives us time to reflect on the past and prepare for the future. I don't know about you but there are certainly many things in the early days of January that I begin to mark and circle on my calendar for things I hope and want to attend throughout the year. Call it a wish list, or for some, even a bucket list. I'm grateful to say I was able to accomplish many of my wishes last year.

It's my sincere wish that as you prepare and make plans for 2020 that you find new and perhaps some old things circling your calendars, and enjoy family and friends. It's these experiences that make life worth living. Who knows, perhaps there might be some things you find in the GIRCCCA calendar that you didn't know about and find yourself making plans to attend. Either way, make plans to do something fun and unique. The only regrets you have are the ones you didn't try:

Wishing you the very best of health and prosperity for the coming year.

CORDially,
Russ



Meet Kelsey Bell Our newest board member

I first got interested in the car hobby because my mom owned an insurance agency that specialized in insurance for collector cars so we would go with her while she worked the various car shows. One of the perks of her insuring car owners was many of them were happy to tell us all about the cars, their stories, and sometimes even get inside the cars to check them out up close. As a kid, the idea of being able to actually touch these cars and ask the owners questions was so exciting! I ultimately joined the agency when I graduated from college and have continued to go to as many shows as possible.



GIR/CCCA 2020 Events

May 9: Learn to Drive Manual Event - Autobahn, Joliet, IL Details TBA

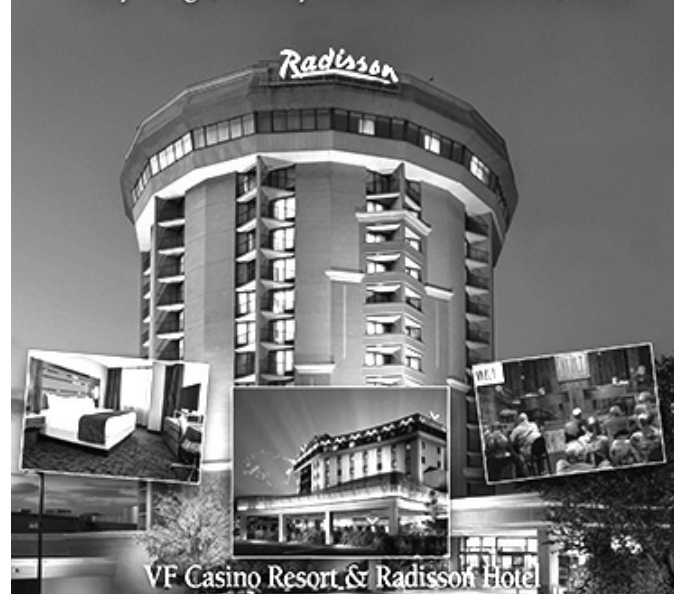
July 19: Annual Picnic - Details TBA

November 15: Annual Dinner - Details TBA

**Welcome to our newest members:
David Barnes Siewe, David White, John Orwin**

Drive to the 2020 Annual Meeting

Valley Forge, Pennsylvania • March 25-28, 2020



Other Events of Note

Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance - Feb 9, 2020
Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance - March 8, 2020
Keels & Wheels Concours d'Elegance - May 2-3 2020
Greenbrier Concours d'Elegance - May 3, 2020
Concours d' Elegance at Copshaholm - July 11, 2020
Keeneland Concours d'Elegance - July 18, 2020
Concours d'Elegance of America, St. John's - July 26, 2020
Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance - August 16, 2020
Geneva Concours d'Elegance - August 23, 2020

After nine years of presenting a world class concours weekend, The Elegance at Hershey Board of Directors announced that the event will take a hiatus in 2020.

Also taking a hiatus will be the *Milwaukee Concours*.

Cover Photo: Greeting everyone at the grand entrance to the Exmoor Country Club for the annual dinner was Claude Ohanesian's Sedanca DeVille.

Photo by John Brayton

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Editor's Corner



Wow. Another year done. Did it seem to go as fast for you as it did for me? And the new year is 2020. We used to think that was so far into the future that it sounded like science fiction, yet here it is.

People dreamed that by 2020 cars would fly, we would reach Mars, and have fully automated homes. While we may not have actual cars that fly - yet - a couple of companies are definitely experimenting with them and in Dubai the police do have flying motorcycles. And there are hoverboards. While we have not put a man on Mars, we have put a roving vehicle there, and as far as our homes being automated... well how many of you have a Roomba? A Ring doorbell? And how many of you have Alexa turn that coffee pot on for you in the morning? We're getting more and more automated. If only they could come up with something that would haul my trash bin to the curb every week!

As far as cars go, we have self-park, self-drive, and so many interior options that were only dreams in the not too distant past. With just the touch of a finger our dashboards can hook us up to our phone, the internet, music and video. It tells us not just how fast we are going, but how many miles we have left before we run out of gas, the outside temperature, cameras that help us back up, and sensors that help us avoid collisions. Some systems can even detect a drowsy driver. And let's not forget the GPS! It is so common, we just take it for granted these days. But my favorite of all? Heated seats! Sure beats a hot brick and a lap robe.

With 2020 upon us, I would like to wish each and every one of you a Happy New Year! May it bring you better things than you could ever have imagined.

- Maureen

Have a car to sell? The internet has become the easiest and most common way to sell a classic car. Creating an effective classic car sale ad doesn't have to be difficult.

1. Remember: a picture paints a thousand words so include lots of good quality photos of your classic car, preferably from multiple angles, and don't forget to include photos of the interior.
2. Write a detailed description. The more detailed your ad is, the less time you will waste answering questions later. You'll also find yourself receiving more inquiries because a detailed description makes your ad appear very trustworthy.
3. Keep things honest. People will want to know *why* you're selling the car.
4. Avoid cliches. Nobody believes things like "This car was only driven by a little old lady to church on Sundays".

Tech Tip

When attempting to insert brass grub screws that a magnetic screw driver will not hold and fingers cannot grip, stick the slotted end into a short piece of clear plastic tubing. The tubing provides sufficient grip to turn the screw to start it, and can be long enough so fingers are out of the way. Once the grub screw has been started, a screwdriver can tighten the screw.

Bob Howard, LBCarCo Tech Tips, 8/24/2014

Any Tech tips would be greatly appreciated. Send your favorites to the editor at maureenblevins@yahoo.com

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It's Renewal Time!

National is in the process of sending out renewal forms for the coming year. Please don't forget to add the Illinois Region to your membership.

Your membership helps enable us to send out our newsletters and our award winning magazine, The Dashboard. It helps us plan and offer our annual spring and fall tours, behind-the-scenes events and garage tours. It provides support for our annual Oakbrook Father's Day Show - one of the best shows in the area.

Thank you!

Don't Cringe

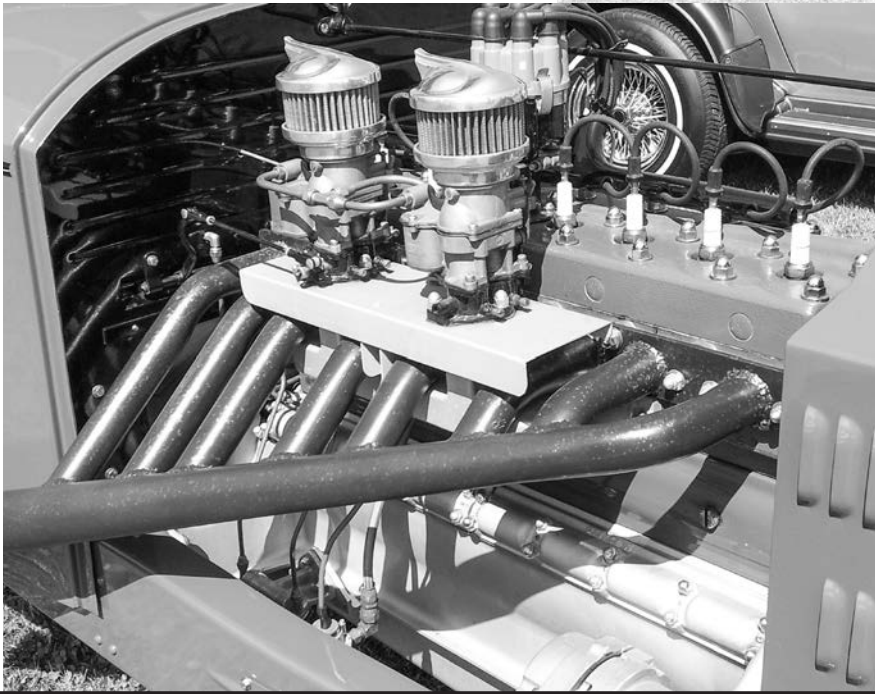
by Tom Roche

While leaving the show field at the Milwaukee Concours d'Elegance I saw this 1930 Packard Coupe hot rod. My first thought was "How could someone do this to a classic car"? After getting to my car in the parking lot I thought "I have to go back and get a picture of that".

I showed the pictures to Bob Joynt and John Maxson and we all agreed that whoever did this did a very good job of creating a period correct hot rod.

John pointed out that the builder had to make the special intake manifold because you cannot purchase that.

The more you look at it, I hate to say it, but the cooler it looks.



Cringe

Malaysian businessman Datuk Seri Mahadi Badrul Zaman, 34-year-old CEO of Financial Genius Group, has been making headlines after covering his Jaguar S-Type(nc) limousine in thousands of miniature cars.

A Hot Wheels car enthusiast since he was 13, he is the proud owner of around 5,000 vehicles, 4,600 of which are now glued to his real car - the Jaguar.

Why did he do it? One reason was his toy car collection was taking up too much space.

Although the idea is not very practical, as all that glue must have wrecked the paint job, and parking the car without supervision is a risk of someone yanking off a toy car. But hey, there's no such thing as logic when dealing with matters of passion.



News and Notes



Russ Rodriguez sent over a few pictures from this year's Run To Brighton which was held on Sunday, November 3rd.

The original Emancipation Run was held in 1896 to celebrate the recently passed Locomotives on Highways Act, which raised the speed limit for 'light locomotives' from 4 to 14 mph and abolished the need for a man to walk ahead waving a red flag.



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Annual Dinner

On an otherwise grey November day, Exmoor Country Club was aglow with merriment & laughter.

There was live art in the cocktail room overlooking the expansive golf course. Robbie Pyle methodically used his brushes and paint to complete a hand painted sign designed to honor George Kovanda. George dedicated his career to the painstaking care and restoration of automobiles that represent the finest known examples of their kind.

After the cocktail hour, guests were seated in the fall themed dining room for a presentation by Steven Stittle who organizes driving tours of the Colorado Grand. His stories about the people he met and places he went had everyone thinking about driving through the mountains.

Dinner was preceded by the presentation to Chuck Kelley of a hand drawn picture of Kelley's 1941 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet. Russ thanked Chuck for his years of membership in the club and years of participation. Chuck has been a member since 1956.

Paul TerHorst was also honored with a hand drawn picture of "The General" a 1937 Packard Super 8 Convertible Coupe owned by General Patten. Paul has been an active club member since 1955. Paul is responsible for the recruitment of many members including our regional director Russ Rodriguez.

The hand drawn pictures were done in pencil by Dave Enger of Detour Graphics and New Media for this special recognition. We are fortunate to have so many gifted people affiliated with, and in, our club who have a mutual admiration of fine automobiles. A heartfelt thanks to one and all.

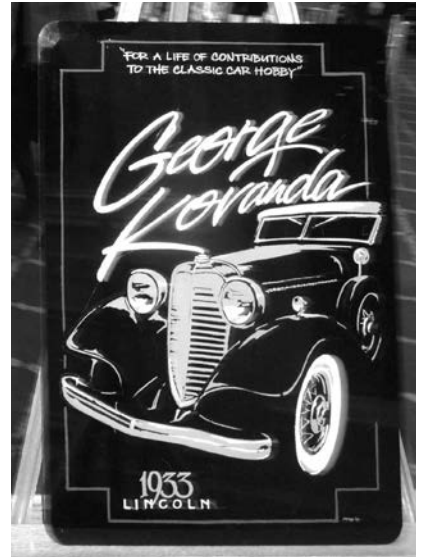
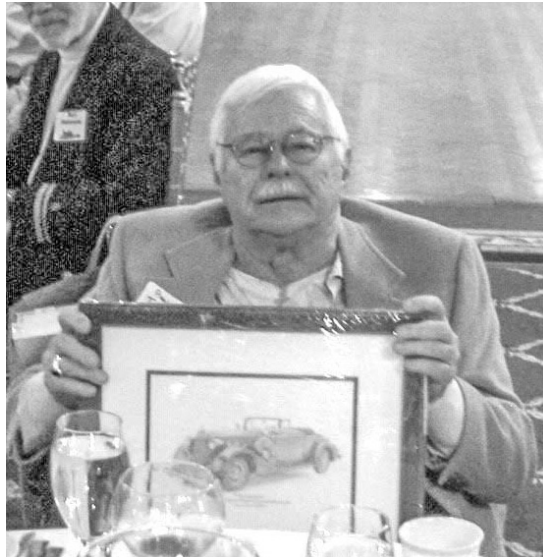
-Mary Ellen Thielemann



Thank you to John Brayton and Bud Schweppe for the photos!

Annual Dinner

The honorees



Attendees: Bill Morris & Wilma Hunter Morris, Tom & Ann Kleinschmidt, Marge Kleinschmidt, Steve & Sally Styers, Kim Roberts, Maggie Roberts, Bud Schweppe, Burt Richmond & Diane Fitzgerald, Ellen Anderson, Russ Rodriguez & Mary Ellen Thielemann, John Thielemann, John & Dawn Brayton, Chuck Kelley, Tim Kelley, Kim Keller, Ruben & Emily Taylor, Michelle James, Tom & Jean Roche, Lou Costabile, Scott Beaver, Claude & Audrey Ohanesian, Butch & Mary Lee Rosland, Bill & Jaunita Nuccio, Michael Vandasik, Anton Duetsch, Kelsey Bell, Paul TerHorst, Bill Teeple, Barb Teeple, Alex & Michelle Cinque

News and Notes

All this talk about self-parking cars...it's not new. In 1933, Packard came out with a self-parking car.

The fifth wheel (spare tire) is lowered by a hydraulic cylinder, apparently driven from a hydraulic pump in the engine compartment. Once the rear wheels of the car are up off the ground, a drum contacts the left rear wheel.

This drum is on an axle that connects to another drum contacting the fifth wheel. The driver puts the car in gear and by carefully releasing the clutch can "drive the car" (actually swing the rear of the car around) into the parking space. Similarly, he can also swing the car back out of the space by using a reverse gear, but we all know that getting a car out of a parking space is often a lot easier than getting it into the space.



Dec. 6, 1938.

B. WALKER
MOTOR VEHICLE

2,139,341

Original Filed March 21, 1932

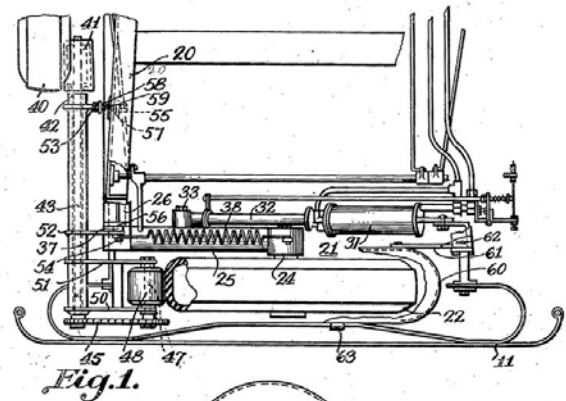


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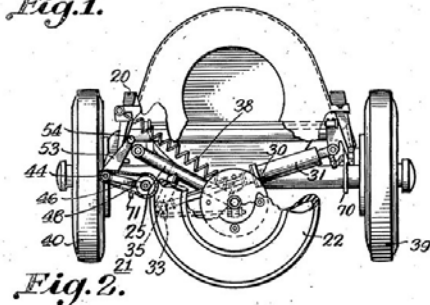


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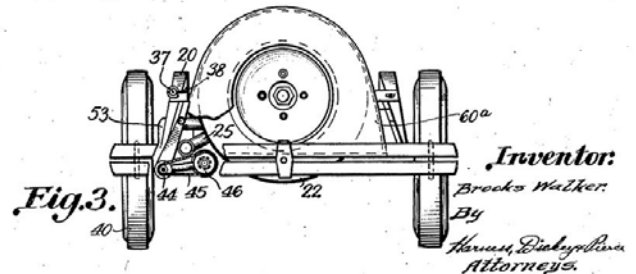


Fig. 3.

Inventor:
Brooks Walker.
By
Harnett, Dinkley & Co.
Attorneys.

Above: the original patent for Packard's Self-Park car.

Top left: the 1933 version

Bottom left: This picture of the 1953 version gives you a better idea of how it works: note the angle and location of the spare, which has been lowered, and has just 'self-parked'.

From Auto Park to Auto Pilot

A driver on a Connecticut interstate reportedly set his Tesla on Autopilot to check on his dog in the back seat when the vehicle hit two stopped cars on the side of Interstate 90 - one of which happened to be a police cruiser. Yes, the Tesla driver was ticketed.

New Record Set

In November, a new record was set for cross country driving. Three car enthusiasts drove 2800 miles from New York City to Redondo Beach, CA in an unbelievable 27 hours and 25 minutes, at speeds up to 193 mph. The car was a Mercedes, modified over two years specifically for this run. Using radar detectors, CB radios, police scanners, binoculars, a thermal scope on the car's roof, and a team of spotters who drove ahead of them reporting on road conditions. And police cars no doubt.

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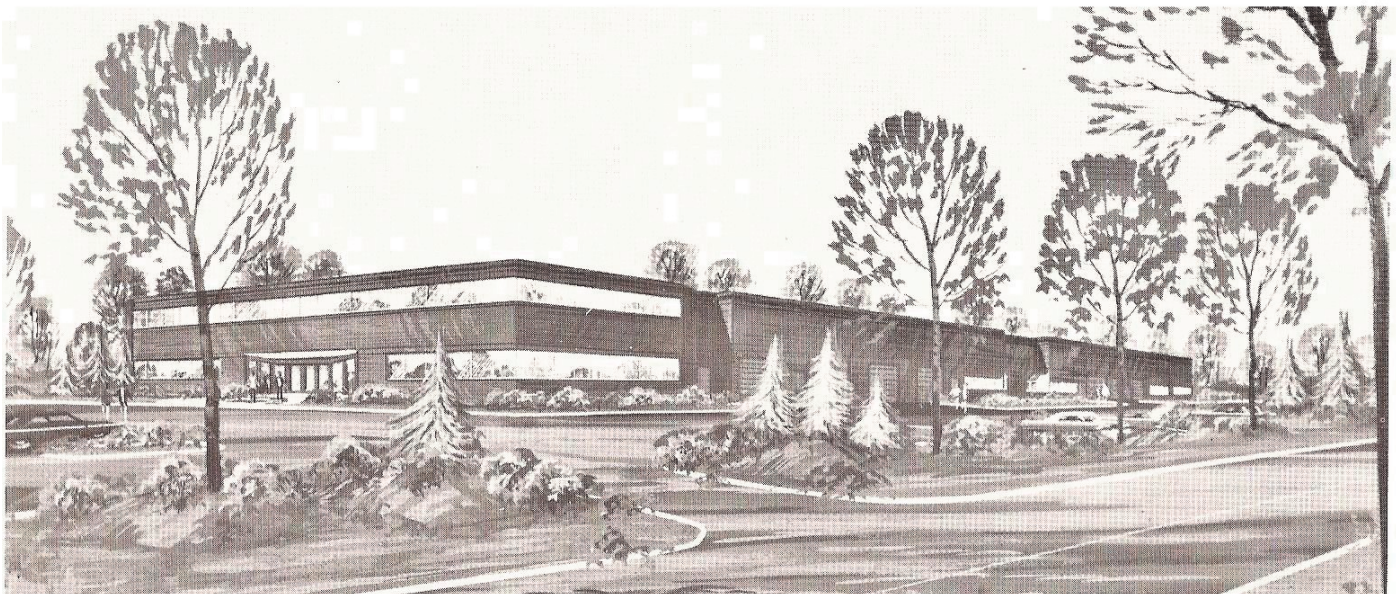
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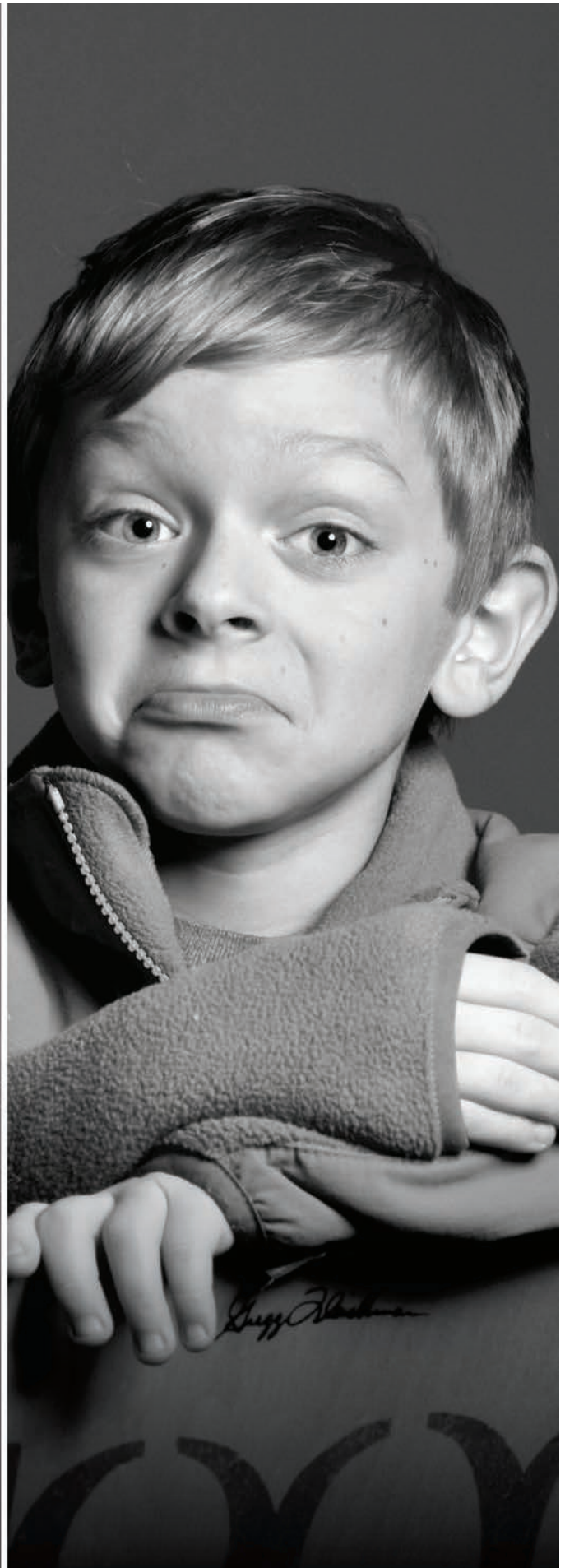
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