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July 2013

*Greater Illinois Region/CCCA*  
*<http://gir.classiccarclub.org>*

*"Let's go for a ride"*

*M. Blevins, editor*



## ***Message from the Regional Director***

The summer solstice has come and gone. The longest day of the year, yet I don't get 1/10th of what I used to get done in a day, and I'm retired. So goes it.

The first half of the year has been a full one for GIRCCCA members; the Valentines Day party at Drury Lane, Behind the Scenes Tours at Reuben Taylor's Shop, Columbia Architectural Models and Cooper Technica, The Rediscover America Tour - Touring the USA from Times Square to the Golden Gate Bridge, the Grand Classic at Hickory Corners (honoring the Chrysler Marque), and the annual Oak Brook Fathers' Day Show. In spite of the construction and lack of space the show went very well and seems to have drawn a lot of customers for the mall.

The rest of the year still has a full dance card. The Annual Picnic at Cantigny with the Packard Club - Event director Bud Schweppe and assistant Roger Eckhart have planned a great day; Tour Director Bill Hexamer and his assistant Dan Sobczyk are finishing up plans for the Fall Tour to Peoria; and Event Directors Bob & Sheila Joynt are planning our Annual Dinner Meeting at Dreihaus Museum - So we still have a lot of exciting events to go.



*Tom Roche,*  
GIRCCCA Regional Director

### **SAVE THE DATE**

#### **September 20 - 22 - Annual Fall Tour**

The **2013 Fall Tour** is in the planning stages. It promises to be a full and fun-filled weekend. Plans include lunch at Starved Rock Lodge, scenic Grand View Drive along the Illinois River, the Caterpillar Visitor Center, a visit to Peoria's Oktoberfest, the Wheels O'Time Museum and MORE!

Co-chairs Dan Sobczyk and Bill Hexamer are working hard on putting together an outstanding weekend. Sign-up sheets will be in the mail as soon as those last details are finalized. Meantime, mark your calendars to

***Save The Date!***

## **GIRCCCA 2013 Events**

### **Sunday, July 21 Annual Picnic**

Cantigny 11 am - 3 pm

Paul TerHorst/Tom Roche

### **September 20, 21, 22 Fall Tour**

Peoria, IL - Stay tuned for details

Bill Hexamer/ Dan Sobczyk

### **Sunday, November 10 Annual Dinner**

Dreihaus Mansion, Chicago (Details TBA)

Bob & Sheila Joynt/Tom Roche

### **Other Events of Note**

#### **Barrington Concours July 12 - 14**

Makray Memorial Golf Club, Barrington

More info @ [www.barringtonconcours.org](http://www.barringtonconcours.org) / 847-381-4291

#### **Geneva Concours d'Elegance August 25**

Downtown business district - historic Geneva, IL

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## Oakbrook Show - Sunday, June 16, 2013



Everyone was a bit dubious about how this year's show was going to be, considering the major overhaul the Oakbrook mall is undergoing. But it couldn't have been better. It was pretty warm, but thankfully - no rain.

Congratulations and Thank You's are coming in. **Kudos to Russ Rodriguez** for putting together another successful show!

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Dear Russ,  
I would like to commend you and your volunteers on the job you all did on organizing and putting the show together. Things went smoothly under the conditions of the mall. ....The public always enjoys the variety of cars you all put together. I look forward to the show every year and hope to see you next year.

Regards, Anthony

Russ, Sorry I didn't see you at the Show Sunday to thank you personally. I had a great time and met a lot of interesting people. ...

Thanks again. Phil

Russ: I wanted to thank you for another fine job for Fathers Day. I walked the shopping center last week and wondered how we could pull off another show in less space. You did it and the people I talked to loved it. ... I was proud of the work you did for our club, honored to be in with my driver, and loved directing the cars into their spots. Thanks again for the opportunity.

P.S. I had my same little girls with me as I did when they were 10 and 8 now 45 and 43, Jennifer and Juliet, and their kids, Judy 1, Joseph 3, Myles 6 and Olivia 9. My better half Diane thanks you also.

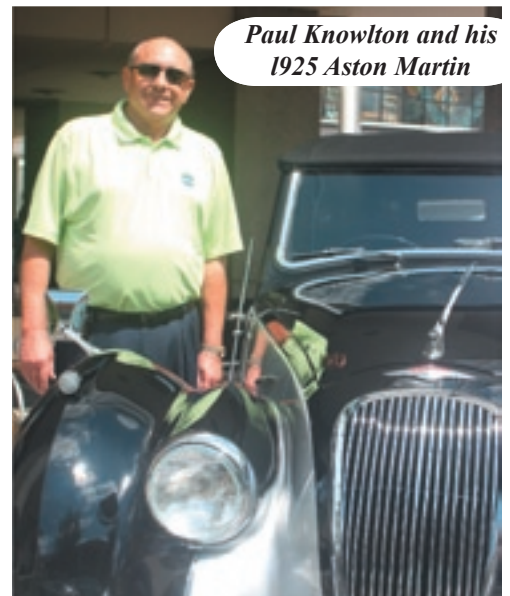
Bob

Russ, Thanks for another great show. I don't think the construction spoiled anyone's fun.

As always, Jim



Alan Legg proudly displays his pair of Packards



Paul Knowlton and his 1925 Aston Martin





*Three generations of the Pater family proudly show off their 1936 Ford - Bill, Jim, Matt and LaVerne*



*There was an abundance of straw hats - like this one worn by Paul Turano.*



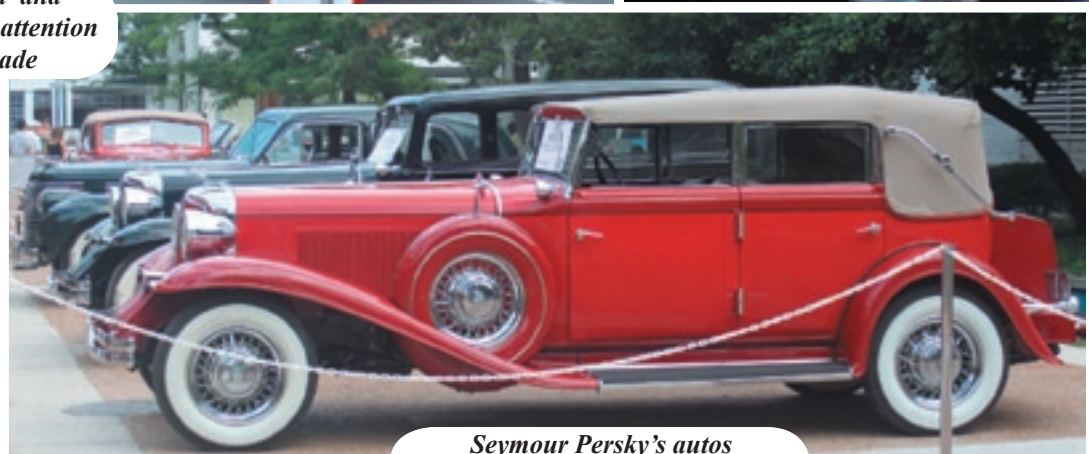
*Dennis Sobieski and his 1930 Cadillac*



*William Morris and his blue 1934 Pierce Arrow*



*Mark Smith's 1930 Packard and Tom Roche's 1940 LaSalle get attention while they relax in the shade*



*Seymour Persky's autos*



## REDISCOVER AMERICA TOUR - 100 Years of the Lincoln Highway



Reuben Taylor, his sister Mary Ann, and Tom & Jean Roche were all set to go on this once in a lifetime tour of the Lincoln Highway - from Times Square to the Golden Gate Bridge - in Reuben's Classic 1930 Lincoln Willoughby Limousine.

What a way to see the country! "We have all traveled to various places in the United States" says Tom "but I think every one of us would love to see the country at a nice, leisurely pace rather than out the window of a jet plane or doing 75 mph on the interstate".

Reuben spent months preparing his Lincoln for this trip, intending to drive from Chicago to New York for the start of the tour rather than trailering the car there.

But the best laid plans... He got a little over 600 miles from Chicago "Mile Marker 180 at Fairfield, Pennsylvania" he notes, when the engine started missing and blowing smoke out the oil filter. Reuben found a nearby barn to stash the car in for two days while he waited for Tom to come out with a trailer to take his Lincoln back to Chicago. What to do? Say forget it or just tag along in a modern car? The tour hadn't even begun! They chose the latter and agree it was the right decision.

A number of drivers invited them to ride along in or even drive their classics. They hitched rides in a combination of classics and modern cars.

Tom says "The trip was great. We saw several private collections that are not open to the public." Weather varied from rain and fog to sunshine to snow and sleet in Yosemite Park. "We sometimes forget what trying conditions there were to cross the country with hot temperatures to freezing temperatures and elevations up to 9200 feet. Think of the challenge this puts on pre-war vehicles. Today our fuel injector cars automatically compensate for high elevations. When's the last time you had a flat tire on your modern car? We saw many." They all agree that the tour was very well planned out, the food exceptional, and the people "we can't say enough about. The people and new friendships that were made on the trip will last forever."

When asked if he would do it again Reuben replied without hesitation "Absolutely! It was a great time!" It was certainly a trip he'll never forget. And with over 2000 photos that he took along the way, he can relive it any time.



"I wanted a good record of the trip." His favorite times included "sightseeing in the National Parks - Yellowstone, Yosemite, and seeing Mount Rushmore." He has some other priorities at the moment but says he has plans to definitely get that 1930 Lincoln up and running again.



*Jean Roche, Tom Roche, Mary Ann Taylor and Reuben Taylor*



*The Editor's personal favorite*

## MORE from the Lincoln Highway

*A very happy Ray and Barbara Giudice of Baltimore, MD.*



John Koller of Milwaukee, the mechanic, made the trip in his Prius and Jeff Clock of Passport Transport brought up the rear in the car hauler. Two handy guys to have along on a road trip like this.

*Gene and Ann Nau happy again after getting their flat tire fixed*



*Alida Alsop of VA gets chauffeured by Byron and son Tom in their 1936 Cadillac V12*

*These Classics Finished the Trip*



If you want to read more about the trip and see more photos go to the Classic Car Club website.  
[http://www.classiccarclub.org/fun\\_events/2013\\_Rediscover\\_Caravan/2013\\_rediscover\\_caravan.html](http://www.classiccarclub.org/fun_events/2013_Rediscover_Caravan/2013_rediscover_caravan.html)





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## Editor's Corner



I never cease to be awed by not only the quality but the quantity of Classics that I see from this club. The Oakbrook Car Show was pretty impressive! While vacationing in the Carolinas last month I came across

two road trips in progress. One was 50's and 60's cars, a number of which happened to pull into the same gas station at the same time. The other was on the Blue Ridge Parkway, where an MG Club was on tour. No matter what your taste runs to in 'old cars' it's always fun to take them on the road!

I caught up with the CCCA CARavan in Geneva, IL where they were parked overnight. What a sight! It was a cold, windy morning, but a number of people were brave enough to walk through the lot and check out the cars. Just as many drove through, taking it all in from the their warm interiors. It's always fun to see the smiles these lovely classics put on people's faces. The annual picnic is fast approaching - July 21st! Please get your RSVP's in. It's going to be a lovely day. A perfect opportunity to relax, mingle, and get to meet new people! See you there!

*Maureen*

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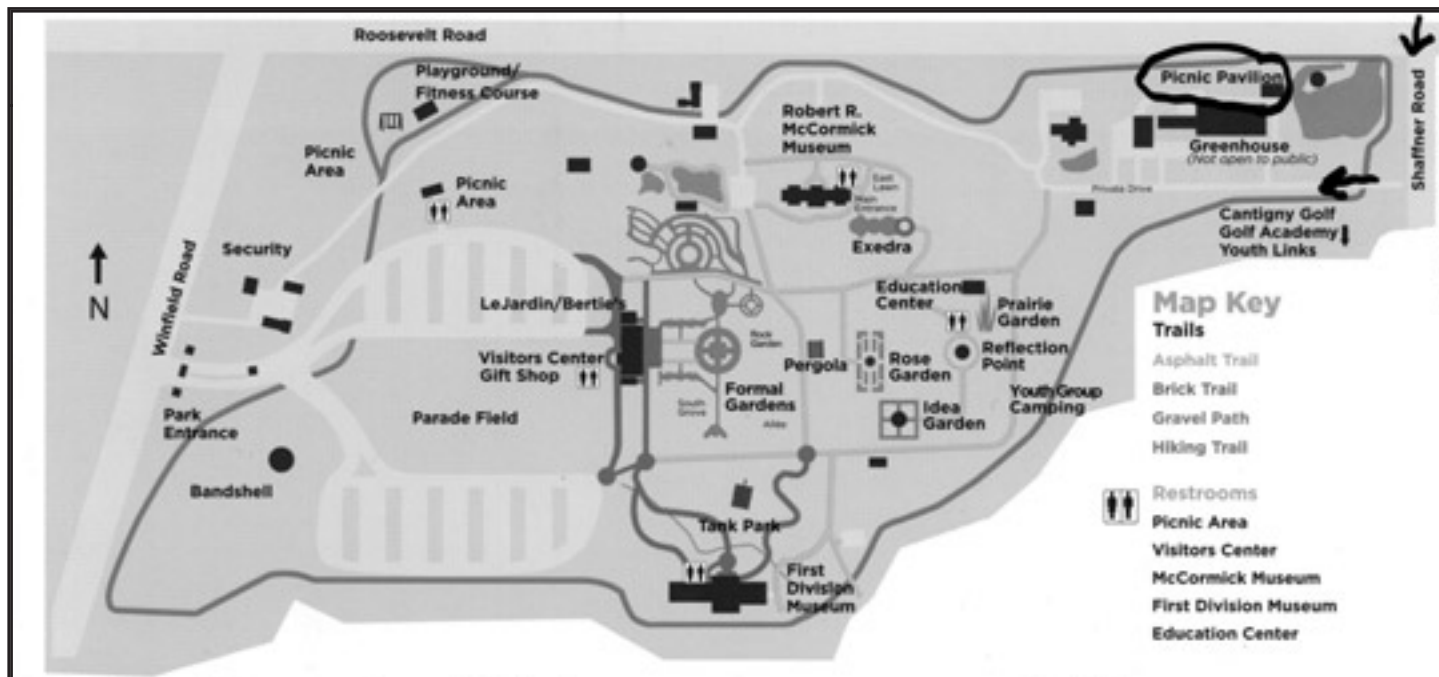
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GIRCCCA ANNUAL PICNIC

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2013

11 AM - 3 PM

CANTIGNY PARK, WHEATON, IL



## REMINDERS

**Hours** 11 am - 3 pm Park is open to sunset

**Cost:** A Dish to Pass - (Meat will be provided)

Suggested: A - I Salads

J - N Side Dish

O - S Appetizer

T - Z Dessert (cake provided)

**BYOB** But remember: No alcohol is permitted outside the picnic area.

No Pets

**Use the SHAFFNER RD entrance! Not the Main Entrance.** (If you do, you will be charged admission.)

We have full access to Hiking Trails, Gardens, the War Museum and the McCormick Mansion

**RSVP to BUD SCHWEPPE 630-690-9382**  
by **July 15** - (we need a count to order the meat)

*Potential members Encouraged to Attend!*



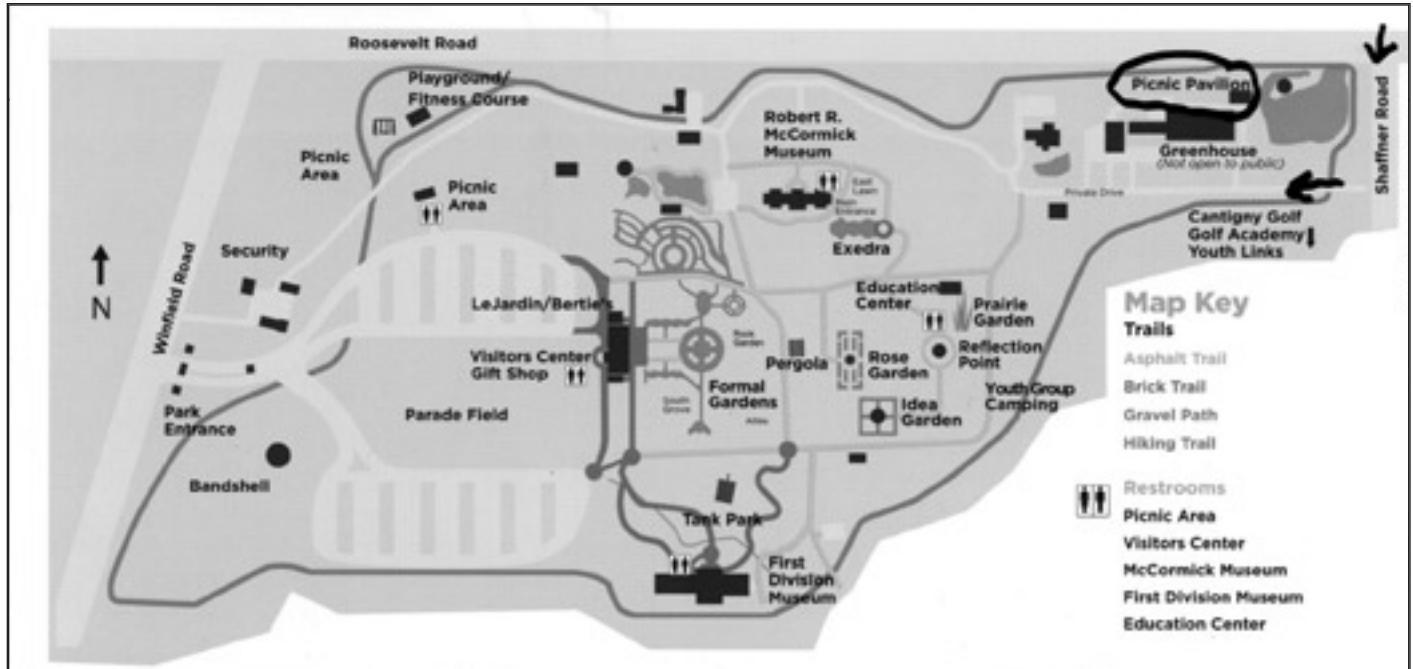
This promises to be a great day! The gardens will be in full bloom and if you've never been inside the museum you are in for a real treat. The mansion is also worth visiting and kids can climb the tanks to their heart's content. Please join us.



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**DO's** Please arrive and exit the picnic pavilion area during the designated time of 11 am - 3 pm via Shaffner Road (1S050 Shaffner Road, Wheaton, IL 60189). **Do Not use the Main Entrance.** All guests should park in the Cantigny Greenhouse parking lot (on the right after entering through the Shaffner Road entrance).

**Bring a Dish to Pass**

**and** We have access to 70 parking spaces. Vehicles are only permitted in the Greenhouse parking lot and are **not** allowed on grass or pathways. Alcohol is permitted but must remain at the Picnic Pavilion.

No kegs are allowed, so this year it is **BYOB**.

No alcohol allowed in the park beyond the pavilion.

**DONT'S** No pets are allowed.

No fishing is allowed.

Park hours are 7 am – sunset

Restrooms are available in the Cantigny Greenhouse

**and** Cantigny's hiking trail runs behind the Pavilion, and is open to Pavilion guests.

We will have access to the Gardens, the Mansion, the First Division Museum and the Hiking Trail

**RSVP to Roger Eckhart at 847-885-2512.**

**ETC.** Once again we are meeting up with the Packard Club for our picnic, which is providing the cooks! We provide the meat, so we need a head count. Although alcohol is permitted, kegs are not, so if you want wine or beer, please bring your own.