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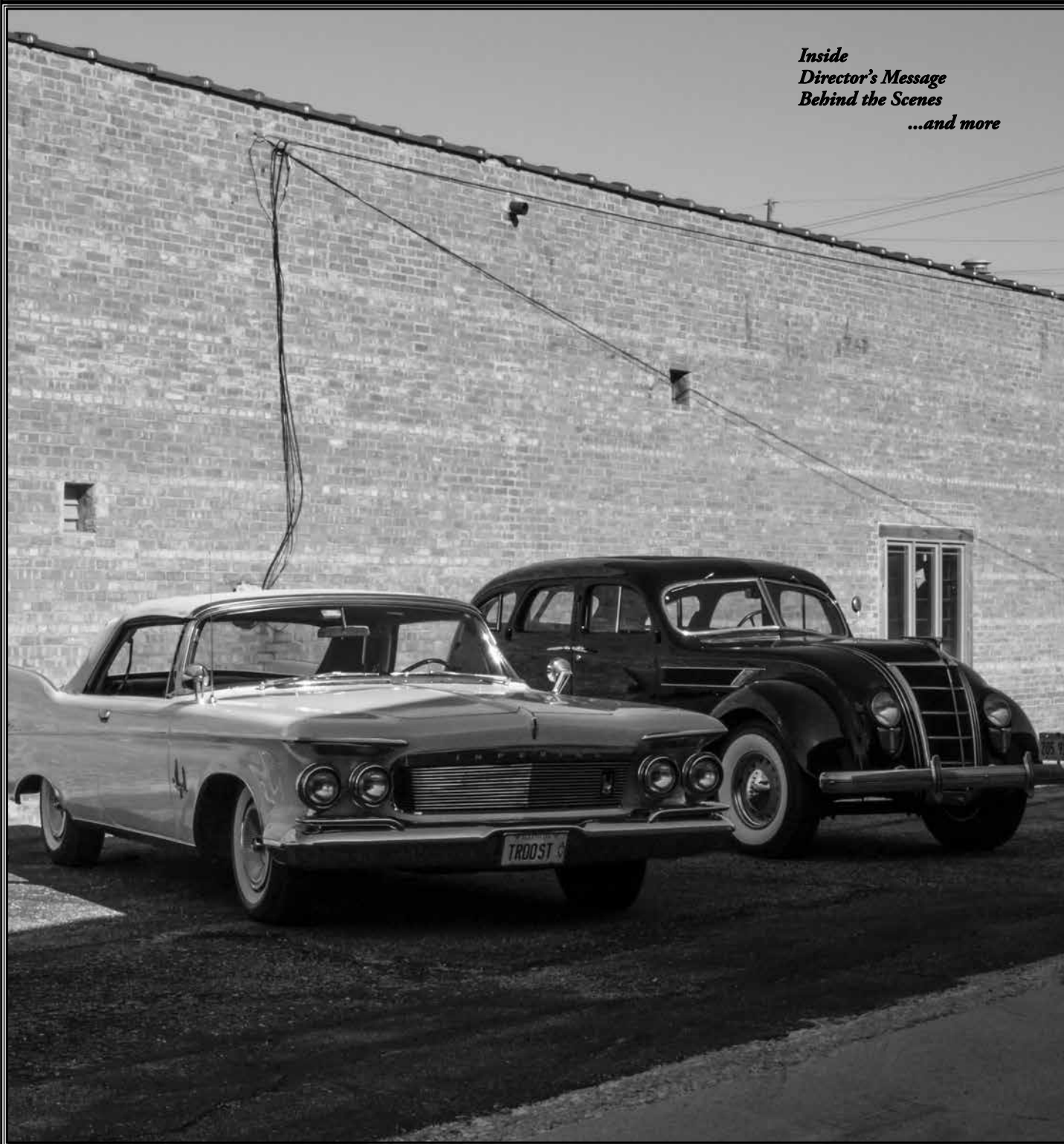
Greater Illinois Region/CCCA

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"Let's go for a ride"

M. Blevins, editor

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Message from the Regional Director

Greetings fellow members.

It's with great pleasure that I take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge the fantastic contributions from our publication editor Maureen Blevins. The Golden Quill awards have been announced and once again the Dashboard has received a national award while claiming an honorary mention for Up to Speed.

Maureen has been responsible not only for assuming the reins of producing our much coveted magazine the Dashboard, but was originally brought on board to maintain our bi monthly publication Up to Speed.

As many of you longtime members know, our publication Dashboard has been a mainstay in our club for many years and has, over that time, garnered national recognition for its quality.

I knew when she started she had a passion for cars but it wasn't until she assumed the role of editor of the Dashboard that we were able to finally see her vision for what this magazine could be. I am proud to say that she has taken ownership of both publications and brought them to a new level. We are very happy to call Maureen a member of our team.

What some of you may not know is that she also volunteers and contributes her magic to all of the club's activity announcements.

Please join me in congratulating Maureen on some more well-deserved recognition.



CORDially,
Russ

Cover Photo:

1961 Imperial Crown(nc) and 1935 Airflow. Imperial was a separate division of Chrysler Corporation at that time and shared only its motor and some mechanicals with the Chrysler division. Only 429 Imperial convertibles were sold in 1961. Troost has had the car about 15 years.

The 1935 model c-2 Chrysler Airflow Sedan is newly acquired by co-owners Mark Smith and Tom Kleinschmidt. Look for more on this car in the future.

Welcome to our newest club members

Charles Bartucz

2017 GIR/CCCA Events

May 13 - Coffee & Classics - 9 - 11 am. Elly's Pancake House, 1142 West Devon Ave in Elk Grove, IL
847-923-9000 There will be a speaker on ***Estate Planning And Your Classics.***

May 12-21-NordicCARavaninSouth:NewOrleans,LA

May 11 - 13 - CCCA/AACA Grand Classic: Auburn, IN

May 20 - Art & The Automobile - Palos Park, IL
contact info: Dan@elements cremation.com

June 2 - 4 - CCCA Museum Experience: Hickory Corners, MI

June 24 - 25, 2017 - Grand Classic, Sequim, WA

June 11 - Annual combined GIR/POC PICNIC

June 11, 2017 - Grand Classic San Marino, CA

June 18 - Annual Father's Day Car Show, Oakbrook Center

July 1 - Motors & Music - Arlington Race Track

***** November 19 - Annual Dinner *****

***Please note: date previously listed was in error.
Sunday, Nov. 19 is the correct date***

Other Events of Note

May 21 - Cars & Cops - a judged show at CCG, 2500 W Bradley Place, Chicago. Benefits the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation to help provide Bullet Proof vests. Info & register: www.cpdfoundation.org/carshow

June 3 - Annual Glen Ellyn Show

June 9-11 - The Elegance at Hershey

June 11 - Cincinnati, OH - 40th Concours d'Elegance - Ault Park.

July 11 - First St. Pauls Church 1st Collectors Car Show
1301 N LaSalle (on Goethe between LaSalle & Clark)
Anyone wishing to display their vehicle contact Nicholas Covello: nfcovello@gmail.com or 312-217-5138

July 13-16 - Keeneland Concours d'Elegance

Thursday, July 20 - Palos Heights Car Show 5 - 9 pm
features a special section for CCCA Classics

July 30 - Annual Concours d'Elegance of America, the Inn at St. John's, Plymouth, MI

August 5-6 - Milwaukee Concours - Milwaukee, WI

August 27 - Geneva Concours - Geneva, IL

September 8 - 10 - Ephraim Hill Climb- Door Co, WI

Editor's Corner



We have just had a pair of very nice outings in April. It was nice to see so many of you turn out for these events. With summer almost here, I am looking forward to seeing many more of you in the upcoming months. I do hope the weather cooperates and we start to see some nice long stretches of warm, sunny weather. I for one can only take so much rain.

With so many events coming up, we have some great opportunities to promote the GIR. Last year the board started to take a more aggressive approach towards recruiting members with information booths at several events. The results of those efforts are encouraging. We have ten new members this year! As we continue to reach out to prospective members, remember that YOU are our best advertiser. I know you are proud of your cars, let's make this a club to be proud of.

Much as I try to get it right, I don't always. Please read the corrections below and mark your calendars. I do hope I haven't caused too much confusion.

- Maureen

Corrections:

Please be sure to check your calendars - the previous newsletter listed the Annual Dinner incorrectly. The correct date is Sunday, November 19, 2017.

Also listed incorrectly was the date of the Geneva Concours. It is Sunday, August 27.

Board Notes

In the continuing effort to promote and grow the GIR, we are asking for your assistance. If anyone can put in an hour or two (or more) of your time at one of our upcoming shows to help man an information booth, please do so. These shows are: Palos Park (May 20) and Oakbrook (June 18). Most of you will be there anyway, so please consider giving a little of your time to the cause. It will be time well spent, easy to handle and an opportunity to get to know another member or two. Any and all help is appreciated! If you can sign up or would like more information on what you need to do (other than brag about your car- thats easy, right?) please call Charles Falk at 847-619-0844. And Thank you!

From The Mailbag

a good suggestion and have you seen...?

My daughter Amy Kovacevic volunteers me to help at the car show on Fathers Day. Last year I noticed several owners didn't like to ride over the curb. I have several car lifts with ramps that could/might help get the cars over easier if they were placed at the street curb. Just a thought.

Another question, maybe a person with old cars may know. Or old people may. My grandparents had a nice Berwyn Bungalow with a similar nice garage. This garage had "by-fold" type doors. I went back to Berwyn but they were removed and overhead doors replaced them. As a younger person I would use their garage to keep my car and never gave it a thought. There was a track above the door to keep the by-fold doors in line. I think I can work something out but If I could find something on it, that would be good.

I'm still looking at well maintained older homes in the better sections of neighborhoods but that is a hit and miss process. Historical society in towns are also a help.

*Thanks again,
Bob Sejnost*

If anyone can help Bob find those doors please contact him at: MerCs55@aol.com

Behind the Scenes - Gems/Gems on Wheels



Frank Troost talking about his collection

On Saturday, April 8 GIR members spent the day looking at cars and rocks. All were out of the ordinary (cars *AND* rocks) and with the weather cooperating beautifully, it was a day well spent! Once again our committee chairmen did an outstanding job of putting together a well organized, interesting day.

First stop was to see the collection of member Frank Troost. A self-proclaimed "chrome and fins" man, his collection is definitely a reflection of that taste in cars. An affinity for pastel colored car bodies was also apparent. Although obvious that Frank enjoys collecting, he admits almost all of the cars in his possession were ones "I just came across". <https://www.chicagoautoshow.com/history/>

Frank took the tour group through his garage, giving some history and some details on each of his cars and everyone had plenty of time to inspect the cars at a more leisurely pace afterwards.

When asked about a favorite car, Troost mentioned a 1958 Jaguar(nc) that he keeps in the garage at home and says he particularly enjoys driving his 1960 Imperial (nc).



Susan and Roger Stock



Dan & Darlene Sobczyk



Paul Safransky and Wayne Jorgensen



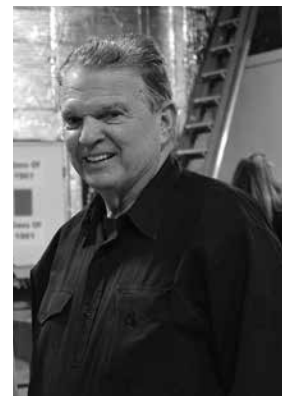
Bill & Virginia Hexamer



Dennis Sobieski



Bob Mills



Behind the Scenes - Gems/Gems on Wheels

A short drive took us to our second stop - *Classic Remedy*, a vintage Porsche restoration shop in Addison. Patrick Hund, owner, and Lance McDonald, mechanic, were our hosts. Hund has owned the shop for about three years. Prior to that, he was a trumpet maker. When his employer eventually had to let him go, due to the decline in the economy, Patrick decided to go into the restoration business. He already owned several vehicles, and in his own words was "good at buying but not so good at selling". It was time to sell. His first restoration job was a 1933 Auburn, which went on to win a 1st place trophy upon completion.



Patrick Hund

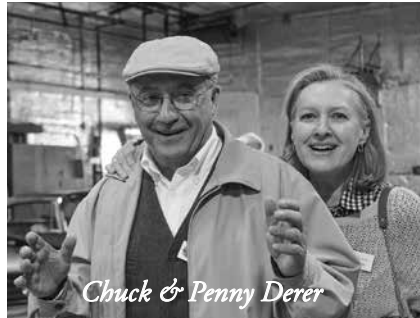


Lance McDonald

(We) saw a video of that process as part of our tour). Hund and McDonald now are kept busy enough just with Porsches.



Dan & Darlene Sobczyk



Chuck & Penny Derer



Mark Smith



Emily & Reuben Taylor and Lucky



Something about that engine intrigued at least two of the Kleinschmidts (above)



In the restoration area at Classic Remedy



Marge Kleinschmidt

Members in attendance:

Russ Rodriguez, Mark Smith, Tom & Jean Roche, Dan & son Emmitt McCarthy, Dennis Sobieski, Wayne Jorgensen, Paul Safransky, Tom, Marge and Stuart Kleinschmidt, Chuck & Penny Derer, Bud Schweppe, Charles & Joan Falk, Reuben & Emily Taylor (and Lucky), Dan & Darlene Sobczyk, Gary Jensen, Roger & Susan Stock, Bill & Virginia Hexamer.

An Afternoon at The Opera House



Jason Clairmont



The group met in Serena, IL on this very rainy morning at the collection of Tom Stiefbold where his recreated Standard gas station (pictured above) was an easy landmark to spot. Although personal issues kept Stiefbold himself from meeting us, his assistant, Jason Clairmont opened the doors for us and took us through the main building, with its fifties style diner booth, extensive model car collection and assorted other auto related items and then on to two garages where this collection of late forties, fifties and sixties cars had everyone reminiscing about teen years and first cars.

After browsing there we drove the short drive over to Sandwich, IL for an excellent lunch at South Moon BBQ Restaurant where pulled pork is the specialty. It was delicious and the portions overly generous. With a little time before the performance just a half block away, there was a little time in which to browse a nearby antique mall.

A small venue, the Sandwich Opera house offers an intimate setting, even from the balcony. An historic building, the women's bathroom incorporates a reminder of it's former days as a jailhouse - The cell doors!



An Afternoon at The Opera House



Elisabeth Van Trapp has an amazingly clear and beautiful voice. Listening to her provided a wonderful, relaxing end to the day. She was a joy to listen to, putting her own spin on some well known songs and blending in a couple of tunes from *The Sound of Music*, the beloved story of her grandparents. As cordial and accommodating as she is talented, she took time to sign Emily Taylor's original program from the 1959 musical, *The Sound of Music*, which starred Mary Martin.

Members in attendance: Tom & Jean Roche, Chuck & Penny Derer, Bud Schweppe, Reuben & http://BortzAutoCollection.com/ & Stephen Styers, Bob & Sheila Joynt. Additionally, several friends and family of the Roches joined us for lunch and for the performance.



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*Many thanks to all of the committee chairpeople who put together two outstanding April events:
Charles and Joan Falk, Russ Rodriguez, Tom and Jean Roche, Dan McCarthy (pictured at right with his son, Emmitt, and Bud Schweppe. Well done!*



The visit to the Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art was truly a 'gem'. The museum displays over 200 pieces of jade and other hard stone carvings from around the world, some modern and some antique. Other prime examples of lapidary art are snuff bottles, many decorative and functional items, and dioramas, which were carved in Idar-Oberstein, Germany. The Museum's collection also features beautiful examples of Florentine and Roman stone mosaics, cameos and intaglios.

Lunch was within walking distance at the College - the Alma Mater of more than one group member. Cafeteria style, but definitely NOT your standard cafeteria fare, there was a variety of well-prepared offerings - all quite tasty. It was also the perfect opportunity to sit around and chat with other members on tour. After lunch everyone was welcome to go their own way. Some opted to go back to the Lizzadro Museum, some made a stop at the greenhouse which was bursting with color and the scent of lilies, and a few other persistent souls pressed on to the Elmhurst historical Museum in the imposing Glos Mansion. All in all, a full and quite enjoyable day.



Jean Roche seems engrossed in studying the exquisite jade carvings

Glos Mansion (left) houses the Elmhurst Historical museum

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Hot Tip

According to Frank Troost, this is the best white wall cleaner he has come across. It was one of the tips he passed on during his presentation at his shop tour on April 8th. A couple of other people in attendance seconded that opinion. You might want to try it: Eagle 1, A2Z all Wheel & Tire Cleaner. Look for the bright orange bottle.



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