

UP TO SPEED

June 2022

Greater Illinois Region/CCCA
<http://GIRCCCA.com>

"Let's go for a ride"

M. Blevins, editor



Message from the Regional Director

Hello fellow club members.

By the time you're reading this we will be fast approaching the middle of July with two car shows in our rearview mirror.

It was wonderful to see the return of the clubs's long time revenue producer and memory maker which was the 53rd annual Oakbrook Father's Day car show. I know many generations look forward to this start-of-summer-ritual by attending the show and making plans around it. I wish to thank all of you who helped or participated in some way. It truly takes a team to put on a show this big and have it succeed. Having had the pleasure of coordinating this show for many years I can tell you that this year proved to have some additional challenges. First, it was hard to register the number of exquisite classics that we are known for. Clearly less and less cars are becoming available as more move out of the area or are relegated to static display in private collections and museums. We want to pride ourselves on providing a great cross-section of automobiles and automotive art. Based on the many comments and feedback, I think we were a success. However we do have competition where we didn't have it before. On the same day there were no less than two other Car Shows, one of which was right down the street. We also had grand nationals from the Cadillac and Buick clubs within a few days of our event. I think these conflicts, combined with many other choices for activities on this weekend along with the added curveball of the Covid virus rearing its ugly head, made providing a complete show field impossible. We were contracted to provide 100 cars and the final count for those who showed up was 73. I

can't tell you how important it is that if you make a commitment to register for the event, you make every effort to complete that commitment. I say this because in a curated, invite only show, I can't invite more cars than I have room for. I'm grateful for our relationship with Oakbrook Mall and their consideration in allowing us to fall a bit short.

Things did not work out nearly as well the following weekend when we once again had an opportunity to produce a much smaller show of only 45 cars and suffered again from many cancellations. I would attribute much of this to the weather but when you are providing a rain or shine commitment, the sponsor has a right to expect the amount of cars they were promised. Unfortunately in this instance our shortcomings resulted to reducing our fee by 50%.

I feel it is important to share this information with you as we look for advertisers and Car Show fees to help offset the cost of sustaining this club to the level we have enjoyed for years. The cost of our award-winning publications, a website, and activities need additional monies that cannot be exclusively covered by our membership dues. I'm hopeful in the future that we will have better turn outs of those who sign up for car shows and events.

We hope you look forward to enjoying the activities that your Board of Directors puts together. If we can in any way do a better job, please let us know. We're always looking forward to your input.

CORDially,
Russ



GIR/CCCA 2022 Events

July 17 - Annual GIRCCCA/POC Picnic -

Fabyan Woods 11am -2 pm Shelter Fabyan # 1
1925 Batavia Blvd, Geneva, IL

September 17 - Lunch Train Event - in combination
with the Rolls Royce Club

October - AACCA/GIRCCCA Fall Tour

November 13 - Annual Dinner

Save the date! This is going to be special!

Other Events of Note

July 14 - 17 - Keeneland Concours d'elegance

August 21 - Pebble Beach Concours d'elegance

August 27 - September 6 - ACD Festival

September - Concours d'Elegance of America
(formerly held at St. John's) will be held at the Detroit
Institute of Arts

October 4 - 7 - Elegance at Hershey

Board Notes

Citing work and health issues, John Brayton has tendered his resignation from the board. He will however, continue to monitor the GIRCCCA Facebook page. Thanks for all your work, John.

Editor's Corner



We have been busy! Car show season is always a fun time for us car lovers. This club has had members going to many of them, such as Triton and Glen Ellyn, the Buick and Cadillac Nationals, Regional and national Concours, not to mention the club sponsored shows - Oakbrook and Geneva Commons. The weather for Oakbrook this year was perfect. For Geneva Commons, well, maybe only slightly better than last year.

The picnic is coming up very soon. I really enjoyed being at the Fabyan Preserve last year and I plan on being there this year too. I always enjoy taking a leisurely stroll along the river, and a relaxing walk through the serene Japanese Garden. I've never been inside the museum though, so I plan on making sure I get there this time. What a perfect opportunity.

It's always nice to see some of your special cars at the picnic - but whether you drive over in your classic, antique, or modern, it's always great to see you - all of you! The picnic is different than the car shows. It's so much more relaxed. No having to worry about your car or yourself sitting all day in the hot sun. There's lots of shade for you to park in at the preserve, and we'll be gathering under the shelter and under those massive trees, keeping cool. It's a great opportunity to hobnob with your club friends and make some new acquaintances.

Did you go to family picnics when you were a kid? Or maybe some company picnic that your dad belonged to. Do you still? I have fond memories of several family picnics out in the park, but my grandparents had a huge yard, with lots of trees, so most family gatherings were held there. One theme that pretty much routinely runs through these events though is sharing good food and reconnecting. So come, come to the picnic and enjoy! There's always plenty of food and plenty of good company!

Maureen

p.s. We lost a beloved member in Darlene Sobczyk. She was always such a joy to talk to. I am sure I will not be the only one who will miss her joyous laugh and good conversation.

In Memoriam

Darlene J. Sobczyk passed away on Monday, June 27, 2022, at Advocate Sherman Hospital in Elgin after a 15-month courageous battle with cancer.

Prior to retirement, Darlene worked in the Insurance Industry. She was an active and faithful member of St. Catherine of Siena Church in West Dundee, a member of the Dundee Township Senior Citizens Organization, the 50+ Club, and a member of the Senior Center Tap Dancers. She was also a member of the Dundee VFW Women's Auxiliary and a supporter and volunteer of FISH Food Pantry in Carpentersville. Both Darlene and Dan were longtime active members of the GIRCCCA and the Antique Auto Club of America. Darlene served on the boards of both clubs and was always ready to lend a hand.

Survivors include her husband of 52 years, Daniel A. Sobczyk; two brothers and a sister. Memorials may be made to the FISH Food Pantry P.O.Box 102, Carpentersville, IL 60110.

We will miss Darlene's ready smile and her zest for life.



News and Notes

Paul TerHorst Celebration of Life

Saturday, July 16, 2022

2:00 - 5:00 pm

Woodlawn Funeral Home

7750 West Cermak,

Forest Park, IL 60130

A celebration service will begin at 3:00 pm, and you are welcome to say a few words if you'd like. There will be plenty of parking so please feel free to bring your classic cars. Masks are required and will be provided if needed. <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/10784540>

We finally have been able to schedule a memorial for our father. Thanks so much for getting the word out to everyone,

Cheryl, Karen and Laurie

Coming Up - our Annual PICNIC - July 17

The annual picnic is coming up. It provides a casual, relaxed few hours to visit, dine, and do some catching up. It will be at Fabyan Woods - the same place as last year. Everyone was so pleased with that location, it was decided why not do it again? It really is a great location - under the trees and along the river. There is also the Japanese Garden, and the museum tour. If you missed either of those last time, this will be a great time to see what you missed.

This event is FREE to attend - just bring a dish to pass!. Hamburgers, hot dogs, water and soft drinks will be provided, but we need a head count to know how much food to provide.

Please RSVP to **Alan Blum 312-961-3968 or Alan@satellite-garage.com**



Suggested items to bring:

If your name begins with

A - I Side Dish

J - N Appetizer

O - S Dessert

T - Z Salad

Or bring your specialty dish!

2022 Packards of Chicagoland Fall Tour - October 20, 21, 22

This year we will be heading to southwestern Wisconsin to drive the cars, see famous sites, and enjoy camaraderie! You are urged to plan ahead and make room arrangements now so call the Spring Valley Inn (608-588-7828) to ensure that you will have a room at the headquarters hotel. As soon as your reservation is made, notify Gene Maslana (jwp58@juno.com) that you will be attending so he will know how many people to expect.

CCCA Museum Experience 2022



Sunday was show day. This year's theme was American Luxury. There were just over 40 cars on the show field with good representation from the Greater Illinois Region: Bob and Sheila Joynt (1920 Locomobile), Tim Wiggins (1930 Packard), Jim and Linda Kleinschmidt (1938 Cadillac), John Rock (1928 Packard), and Allen and Nancy Strong (1930 Cadillac Madame X) were in attendance.

Next years CCCA Museum Experience theme is European Luxury, but all CCCA full classics are invited.

This year's CCCA Museum Experience started on Thursday, June 2nd in Auburn, IN with a reception at the ACD Museum. On Friday, those that met in Auburn caravanned to The Gilmore where the freshly restored 1932 Stutz DV-32 Monte Carlo by Weyman was unveiled. A BBQ cookout wrapped up the Friday events.

Saturday started with a short drive to visit Bill Parfet's private collection. To say this was sensory overload would be an understatement. The collection includes automobiles, boats, and a helicopter. We left The Gilmore, traveling around Gull Lake and making our way into Battle Creek to visit a magnificent mansion built in 1929. CCCA member Roy Margenau's sister is the very proud owner and was a gracious host. After the home tour we left Battle Creek and returned to The Gilmore for a design session with Dick Ruzzin, retired director of Design for GM. The day wrapped up with a dinner at the Radisson in Kalamazoo.



If you have not visited the Gilmore and the expanded CCCA Museum recently this would be a great reason to do so. Block the first weekend in June. I look forward to seeing you there next year.

- John Rock

Look for more detailed coverage of the Museum Experience weekend in the upcoming issue of The Dashboard.

Triton College

On May 1, Triton College Automotive Technology Department and Admissions Department held their 2nd Annual Car Show on the grounds of East Campus T Building parking lot. The weather was not good, no doubt keeping a lot of people away, but there were a lot of people that showed up in spite of the chilly temps and the wind. And several hundred brought their cars! Had the weather been better, I'm sure those numbers would have doubled.

GIRCCCA had five entries on hand, thanks to Alan Blum, John Rock, John McNabola, Ken Muellner, and Ed Villwock. Another classic car entry belonged to a non (but hopefully future) member. Alan Blum and John Rock braved the weather and kept the classics together for this event. Gary Gerstner and Maureen Blevins were also there, taking pictures.

Triton officials asked GIR to judge student entries. GIR awarded a semester scholarship to one deserving student. Shane McDaniel was the excited and grateful recipient of this award. College officials also handed out over a dozen awards in different categories to show participants.



Steering Wheel themed trophies await the winners in various categories.



Alan Blum presents Shane McDaniel with an oversized certificate - An Award of Merit. He was also presented a check covering the cost of one semester of tuition in the program.



The Triton Automotive Technology Degree Program curriculum provides the theoretical and practical knowledge needed to work in the field of automotive technology. Graduates earn an Associate in Applied Science in Automotive Technology degree. Additionally, there are certificate programs in: Automotive Technology, Automotive Brake and Suspension, Engine Repair, Engine Performance and Transmission. The programs are NATEF (National Automotive

Technician Education Foundation) certified. NATEF is a division of ASE (Automotive Service Excellence).

During the show, the automotive shops were open - a perfect opportunity for prospective students to get a peek inside.

For more information on the program and enrollment, call 708-456-0300 ext 3454 or contact kendavis@triton.edu.



Alan Blum decided to have a little fun and put an electric charging cord from the charging station into his 1934 Bentley, making it look like it was indeed, charging. It got a lot of inspection, but most people realized it was all in fun - eventually.



Glen Ellyn

One of the first car shows of the year is in Glen Ellyn. As always there was a good number of GIRCCCA members in attendance. This show always features several good speakers in the Historical Society meeting room, and this year was no exception. Jim Manak always does a great job putting this show together.



Here's a car we don't see often - a 1921 REO Touring Car!



Ken Mueller's 1933 Pierce Arrow was one of several Full Classics on display in Glen Ellyn.



Annual Oakbrook Fathers Day Show

The 53rd Annual Fathers Day Show is on the books! It was a long time coming. After a two year hiatus, we were finally able to reconvene this splendid showing of Classics and other special cars. Everyone was happy - including those for whom this was an annual outing with dad. There were so many nice comments from the crowd about how happy they were to see this show again. A lot of work to pull off, it requires hours and manpower but is worth it when it all comes together. Unfortunately, we did lose a couple of entries and a couple of workers due to Covid, which is still rearing its ugly head here and there. Look for complete coverage in the August issue of the Dashboard.



Board Notes

Citing work and health issues, John Brayton has tendered his resignation from the board. He will however, continue to monitor the GIRCCCA Facebook page. Thanks for all your work, John.

Great Cars & Great People

Hyman Ltd is proud to support the Classic Car Club of America



SOLD 1933 CADILLAC V16 CONVERTIBLE COUPE

hymanltd.com // +1 (314) 524-6000

HYMAN LTD.™
MERCHANTS OF EXCEPTIONAL MOTORCARS



P.O. Box 55
Itasca, IL 60143

Cover Photo:

A lot of proud car owners often display some sort of accessories with their cars. John Rock put a straw 'boater' on the front seat of his 1928 Packard. The 'boater' - a common name for this type of straw hat was popular in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. At first only acceptable for summer activities such as boating and sailing, it caught on and was eventually accepted as a summer hat and began to be worn in cities. Women also wore them, keeping them in place with a hatpin.

The style is derived from the canotier straw hat worn traditionally by gondoliers in the city of Venice. The Venetian canotier has a ribbon that hangs freely off the back, and they are frequently edged with a matching color ribbon. Because of this, boaters were identified with boating or sailing, hence the name.

A great accessory for a great car.

Unique Item For Sale

Perfect for a Duesenberg owner! Would make a very special gift.

This 18 Karat gold Duesenberg ring was made by Joellee de n Snyder back in the 1970's. The ring is a size nine.

If you are interested I can be reached at 708-205-6387 or tomdebickero@gmail.com.



Board of Managers

Regional Director	Russ Rodriguez russ.rod@sbcglobal.net
Secretary	Jamie Smith jamie.ellen.smith@gmail.com
Treasurer	Alan Blum alan.blum@sbcglobal.net
Board Member	Gary Gerstner gerstnerphoto@gmail.com
Board Member	John Rock rrpackfan@gmail.com
Board Member	John McNabola mcnabolajohn@gmail.com
Board Member	Mary Alyce Blum maryalyceblum@hotmail.com
Membership	Dan McCarthy daniel@girccca.com
Oakbrook Show	Russ Rodriguez russ.rod@sbcglobal.net
Social Media	Kelsey Bell kelsey@rallyinsurance.com
FaceBook	John Brayton johns1936chevy@aol.com
Dashboard / Up To Speed Editor	Maureen Blevins maureenblevins@yahoo.com

Annual Advertising Rates

Dashboard

Glossy full color magazine published 3x yearly
(April, Aug, Dec)

Full Page	\$750
1/2 page	\$400
1/4 page	\$300
Business Card	\$100

Up To Speed

Black & White Newsletter

1/2 page	\$300
1/4 page	\$200
Business Card	\$150

Combined Annual Rates

Full page	\$950
1/2 page	\$600
1/4 page	\$400

Please contact Maureen Blevins, 815-483-8216 for print specifications, ad deadlines, or if you wish to discuss advertising scenarios not covered above

Our Website: www.girccca.com

Like us on Facebook: [GreaterILRegion](https://www.facebook.com/GreaterILRegion)

Instagram [#GIRCCCA](https://www.instagram.com/GIRCCCA)