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"Let's go for a ride"

M. Blevins, editor

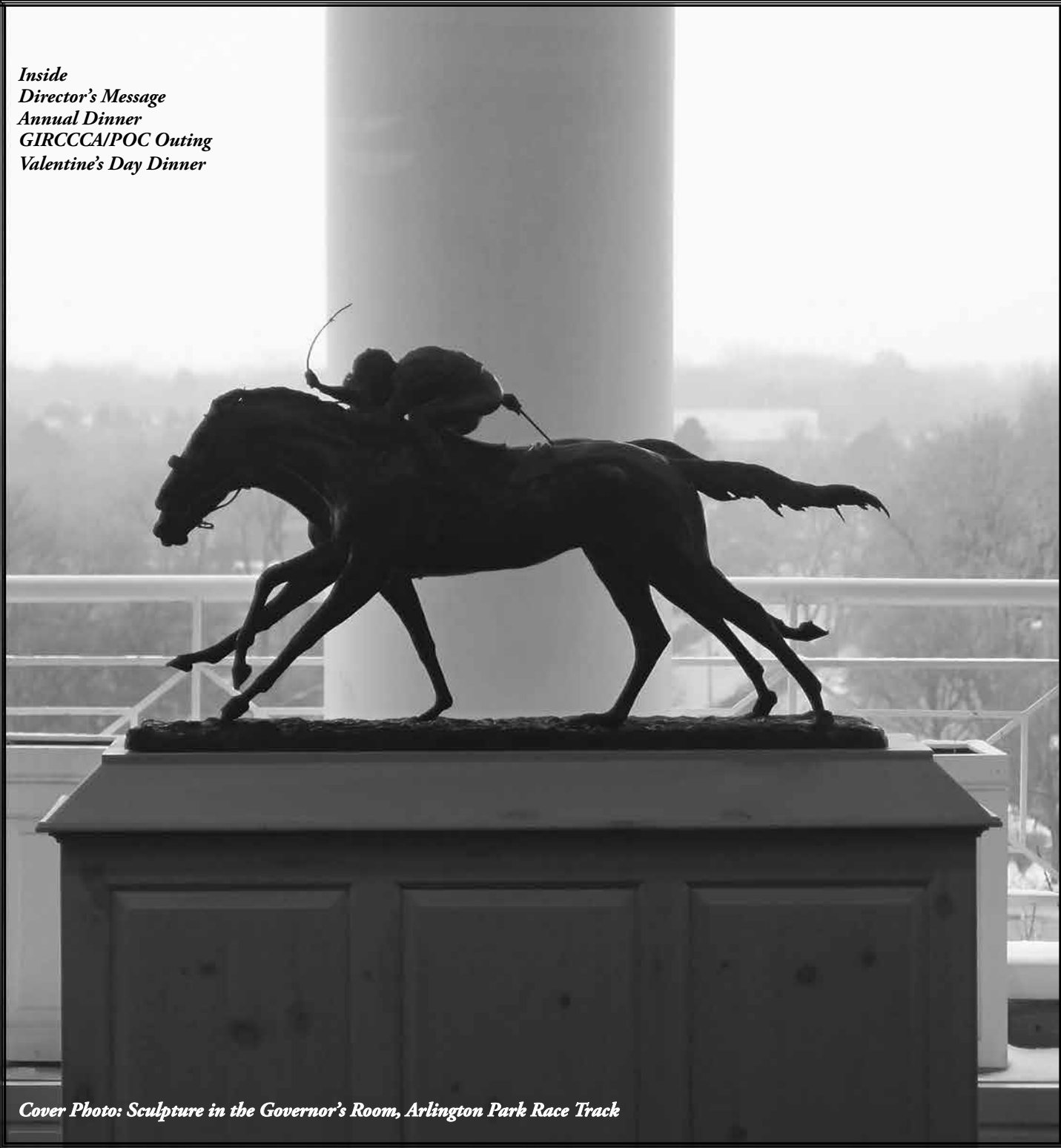
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Cover Photo: Sculpture in the Governor's Room, Arlington Park Race Track

Message from the Regional Director

I would like to introduce myself as your new regional director. My love affair with beauty on wheels started long before I could drive.

I suppose trucks were my first passion because they can go anywhere especially in the dirt and sand in my backyard. My first real car was a 1970 Jaguar E type coupe. I learned quickly the combination of short on funds and short on wisdom makes for bad purchasing decisions.

When I was able to bail myself from under that disaster I found something far simpler and more enjoyable to drive. The mere fact I could drive it and not just pay storage fees put me way ahead of that Jag.

I bought a 1966 Austin Healey 3000 Mk III as a freshman in college back in 1976. I am happy to report that car still gives me pleasure today. Since then my love affair has grown along with my appreciation for the Classics, as has my collection. My first and most important rule is that they must look beautiful standing still. What classic doesn't?

Thank you for bestowing upon me the privilege of following many great leaders in this position. I know the most important ingredient for any club's survival is the participation of its membership. I hope to find new ways of reaching out to those who may not be aware of these gorgeous machines and involve them in our cherished hobby. With your help I'm sure we can continue to enjoy the love affair we all share with these man made works of art.



I would like to thank Tom Roche for his years of dedicated service as director. His enthusiasm was contagious. He always found new activities to keep the membership involved. He has set the bar quite high for his successor. With your help, I hope to carry on the tradition of this wonderful group of car enthusiasts and the pleasures that only this club can bring. I hope your Holiday season was spent with the ones you love and sharing some memories of those warmer days behind us. Who knows, they may even include some car stories!

Russ Rodriguez,
GIRCCCA Regional Director

GIRCCCA 2015 Events

January 17 - GIRCCCA/POC - Combined Outing
10 am - 1 pm Private tour & lunch at Chicago Vintage Motor Carriage, 700 S. Des Plaines St, Chicago, IL 60607 - \$25 includes a buffet style lunch. **Plenty of onsite parking.** Please RSVP by **January 17.**

February 14 - Annual Valentines Day Dinner
Champagne Brunch and 'West Side Story' at Drury Lane Theater. Please RSVP by **January 21st.**

Info/Sign-up sheets for both events have been mailed!

Welcome to our newest club member: Mark Silich

Meet the New Board Members



*Mike O'Toole,
Treasurer*



*Charles and Joan Falk,
Assistant Membership Chair*

*Congratulations
to our web editor
John Brayton on
his engagement to
Dawn O'Connor*



Judy Schoenthaler
April 30, 1945 - November 26, 2014



It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of a dear friend and long time member of the club.

Besides her knowledge and love of classic automobiles, Judy enjoyed several other hobbies. She was an accomplished artist, a collector of fine china and crystal, an expert on vintage tin toys and an accomplished golfer. She is a past Club Champion of Butterfield CC, Oak Brook, and six time Club Champion of Audubon CC, Naples, FL.

Judy and Ed celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary this past July.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the entire family. Judy was a gracious, beautiful lady who will be sorely missed.



Editor's Corner



Another year, come and gone. Where does the time go? Remember when it was 1999? We thought we would never get used to writing 20anything! Now, the 1990's sound so long ago. We do get used to change, sometimes even embrace it, and we adapt. Personally, I acquired a new dog and a new son-in-law and I am thrilled with them both!

Every new year brings some changes and this year the club has a new director and associate director. I'm sure Russ and Mark will do an outstanding job, just as Tom did! Change is good in that it brings some new ideas. Looking ahead, I think we can look forward to some great times and maybe even a few surprises in 2015.

The club gained a few new members in 2014 and lost several others. The ones who passed on will be greatly missed by all who knew them. They left an impact on our lives and will bring a smile to our day whenever we think of them. We count ourselves lucky to have known them.

I hope the New Year brings all sorts of good things, not just to the Club, but to each and every one of you! Just think. We have a whole 'nother year to accomplish those goals we didn't quite attain last year! Makes me breathe a little easier.

Here's to 2015 and good resolutions! May you keep some, if not all. May you be healthy and free of want. And may your tires never go flat!

Maureen

Cover Photo In 1981, Arlington hosted the world's first million dollar race: The Arlington Million. "Against All Odds" statue of jockey Bill Shoemaker riding John Henry commemorates his thrilling come-from-behind victory over 40-1 longshot, The Bart. This sculpture is a smaller version of the one overlooking the Paddock area.

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Annual Dinner - November 16, 2014

The annual dinner at Arlington Park was well attended but what a difference from July when we were all in shirtsleeves and not winter coats! The staff was gracious and accomodating and the food was not only delicious but beautifully presented! Tom Roche made a great deal for us when the club was invited to bring cars to 'Guys Day Out'.

The guest speaker was Charles Taylor, son of Reuben and Emily Taylor and great grandson of Charles Taylor who built the engine for the Wright Brothers airplane. He had interesting stories, lots of photos and afterwards signed posters and copies of a book on his great grandfather.

Tom Roche stepped down as Director and was presented with an award for his service. Other awards were also given to Reuben and Emily Taylor (Couple of the year) and to James Kleinschmidt for his service as past Director.



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The Guest Speaker was Charles Taylor, son of Reuben and Emily Taylor. He gave a presentation on his great grandfather, also named Charles Taylor, who built the first aircraft engine used by the Wright Brothers.

Originally hired by the Wright Brothers to repair bicycles in their bike shop, Charlie was a good mechanic and the Wrights turned to Taylor when they needed the right engine for their 'flyer'.

In 1908 Taylor helped Orville build and prepare a "military Flyer" for demonstration to the U.S. Army at Fort Myer, Virginia. The airplane crashed and Taylor thought he had killed Orville. Seriously injured, Orville survived, but his passenger, Army lieutenant Thomas Selfridge was killed. Fate was on Taylor's side that day. Not only did Orville survive, but Taylor and Navy Lieutenant George Sweet had been scheduled to make their first flights that day but were bumped in favor of Selfridge who had to leave for Missouri.

Despite this accident, Taylor wanted to become a pilot and wanted Wilbur and Orville to teach him. The Wrights, reluctant to lose Taylor's services to the world of exhibition flying, discouraged him. Taylor became a leading mechanic in the Wright Company after it was formed in 1909.

Eventually, in 1936, Charlie and Orville helped Henry Ford in the planning, moving and restoration of the Wright family home and the Wright Brothers bicycle shop to Ford's Dearborn, Michigan heritage village.

Charles Taylor is buried at the Portal of Folded Wings Shrine to Aviation in Burbank, California, a shrine to aviation history.



Thank You Tom!



*2012
2013
2014*



Regional Director



2015 CCCA Events

March 7-11, 2015
Annual Meeting, Savannah, Georgia

March 12-15, 2015
Mini-CARavan from Savannah, GA
to Amelia Island, FL

June 5-7, 2015
CCCA Museum Experience,
Hickory Corners, Michigan

June 10-18, 2015 - Pacific Northwest Region
A Canadian Rockies Experience CARavan,

June 14, 2015
Grand Classic - Southern California Region

July, 2015 (tentative) - Chesapeake Bay Region

July 11, 2015 - Michigan Region

July 19, 2015 - Oregon Region
(in conjunction with the Forest
Grove Concours d'Elegance)

2015 Events of Note

Arizona Concours d'Elegance - Jan 10 - 12
Arizona Biltmore
Phoenix, AZ 85016

Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance - Feb 20 - 22
Featured Marque - Cadillac

Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance - March 13 - 15
Ritz Carlton
Amelia Island, FL

Pinehurst Concours d'Elegance - May 2
Pinehurst Resort
Pinehurst, North Carolina

Keels & Wheels Concours d'Elegance - May 2 - 3
Lakewood Yacht Club
Seabrook, TX
Featured Marques: Mustang/Packard

Greenwich Concours d'Elegance - May 30 - 31
Greenwich, CT
Saturday - American makes/Sunday - Imports

What is a Grand Classic?

CCCA Grand Classics are exciting and fun events to participate in for the collector and the whole family. You do not have to own a Classic Car to participate in Grand Classic activities.

The Grand Classics are the premier National shows for Classic Cars, and the CCCA judging standards are used by all of the major concours shows.

A CCCA National first is recognized throughout the hobby as the standard of excellence. This is a good opportunity



as well to see how your car “stacks up” and what, if anything, you need to do to preserve it historically.

You must of course be a member of CCCA to participate, and only CCCA approved Classics are allowed on the show field. You don't need a Show Car or Trailer Queen to participate, we have a Touring Class for cars that are more drivers than show cars.

We have Grand Classics nationwide every year, so this is great time for your car to climb all the way up to Premier.

From the CCCA website

Award Winning

Club members Mike and Martha Belica had a good year! Their Indigo blue over Gray 1960 Jaguar Mark IX garnered numerous awards in 2014:

Milwaukee Masterpiece Club Day - - Best in Show
Geneva Concours - - Carl F. Benz Award
AACA - - Junior & Senior National Award Winner
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with the Packard Club**
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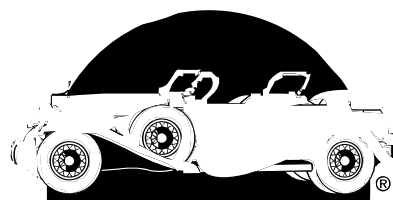
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