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Greater Illinois Region/CCCA
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"Let's go for a ride"

M. Blevins, editor



Message from the Regional Director

Greetings fellow members.

It goes without saying we have no control over the weather and certainly this year has presented itself with all kinds of challenges. I hope you agree that what we do have control over is how we choose to spend the time we have when the weather allows us opportunities to enjoy our shared passion.

I for one look to enjoy Car Shows, swap meets, and eclectic gatherings to broaden my awareness and appreciation for automotive art.

Sometimes it's seeking out the old and familiar events that I have visited before, other times it's digging deeper and participating in things I've only heard of and put on my list. You never know when you strike up a conversation where it may lead you. I have found the car community to be uniquely generous with their time and resources and will typically give you more than you asked for, if you just ask. Striking up a conversation with a stranger may lead to discovering other events as well as people who may be resources for that unique part you've been searching for way too long.

We in this club appreciate your desire to spend your free time wisely and pursue your passion. That's why, through the help of many, we have set out to create an auto center calendar giving you the most up-to-date, comprehensive resource of auto events in the Chicago area. Please visit the events tab at GIRCCCA.com.

I invite you to check this out regularly and tell us how we're doing. By all means share with us any additional events that we may have missed. This is your club and together we're always looking to make it better.

CORD'ially,
Russ



Cover Photo: "The Archer" 1931 Pierce Arrow Hood Ornament

GIR/CCCA 2019 Events

July 11-14: Chesapeake Bay Region Grand Classic

Sunday, July 14: GIR/POC Picnic - 10 am - 3 pm
Lake Barrington Shores

October 18 - 20: Fall Tour

November 17: Annual Dinner - Exmoor Country Club

Other Events of Note

July 14 - 3rd Annual Collector Car Show - First St. Paul's Church, 1301 N. LaSalle, Chicago 60610

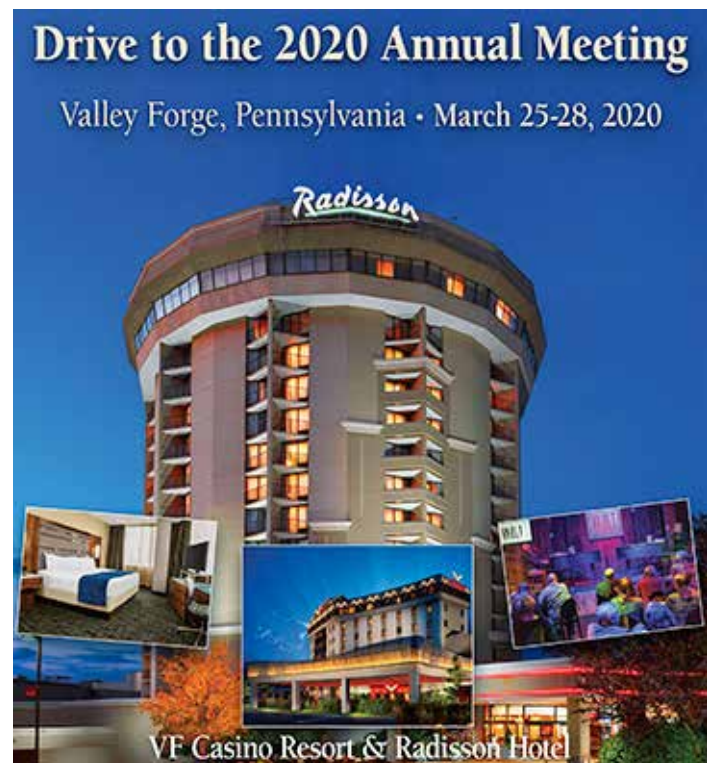
July 21 - AACA IL 71st Annual Car Show - 8 am - 2:30 pm - Cantigny Park, Wheaton Featuring imports. Display cars welcome, judged cars must be 25 years or older. info/registration call Bob Markert: 630-852-9893 or online at illinoisregion.aaca.com/calendar

July 22 - 27 - Rolls-Royce Owners' Club Annual Meet: Detroit, MI area.

August 4: Milwaukee Concours d'Elegance

August 18: Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance

August 25: Geneva, IL Concours d'elegance



All members are invited to attend

Editor's Corner



Summer, once it arrives, goes all too quickly. Car season opens, the Oakbrook Show comes and goes, and we're halfway through it already.

Summer and cars just seem made for each other, be it a car show or a road trip. Is anyone taking a road trip this summer? Maybe some of you have a good story to share about a past road trip. I'm sure at least a few of you remember those Burma Shave signs along the roads:

Don't stick your elbow out so far - It may go home in another car.

She kissed the hairbrush by mistake - She thought it was her husband Jake!

They were a lot more fun to read than the billboards we get today.

With the Oakbrook Show behind us, let's keep those fingers crossed for a perfect picnic day. And let's hope nobody ends up in the lake - at least not in your car.

- *Maureen*

GIR-POC ANNUAL PICNIC

GIRCCCA and POC Combined Summer Picnic, 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 14, 2019, at Lake Barrington Shores, 64 Old Barn Road, Lake Barrington, IL. 60010. The entrance is on Rt. 59 just north of Miller Road.

Because Lake Barrington Shores is a gated community. **Participants must RSVP.**

The guard at the gate will have your name, give you a pass, and help direct you to the proper location.

There will be a lot for parking classic cars near our lakeside picnic site. Washrooms and a cool, air conditioned clubhouse are nearby at the Lodge.

Plan to bring a Dish to pass and a lawn chair to ensure adequate outdoor seating.

A special thank you to Bruce Grabenkort, who has made the arrangements and is hosting the event.

Also, thank you to Bob LaSpina and Pat Norris, who have graciously agreed to be our chefs again this year.

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See you at the Picnic!

Russ, I'm attaching a photo you can use in our local publication, it's a Springfield Ghost, rhd, smiling people, California plate, maybe a movie shot. Photo is not credited. Body looks American, maybe Brewster.

John O'Halloran

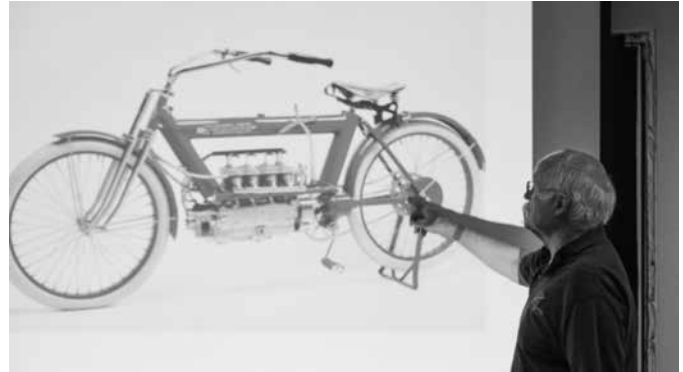


Glen Ellyn Car Show

The annual Glen Ellyn car show is one of the first of the season. GIRCCCA member James Manak puts together the event, which always draws several members to either show their cars, or attend and show their support.

One of the added incentives to attend that particular show are the speakers Manak always lines up. The Glen Ellyn History Center is undergoing some renovation, but the speakers put on their presentations amidst the re-do to appreciative audiences.

Our own Bill Morris gave an informative and quite interesting program on the history of Pierce Arrow. Other speakers were Mitch Frumkin, with a program on dream cars, and Al Krodle spoke on the history of Aston Martin.



Member Mark Spandikow showed his 1935 Auburn and a 1937 Cord cabriolet (above). Bud Schweppe's Model A(nc) is in the background.

One of GIRCCCA's newer members, George Hansen (left) was at the show with his mid-'60's Cadillac El Dorado convertible (nc)



At right are a pair of Pierce Arrows owned by Bill Morris - a 1931 sedan and behind it, a 1932 Model 54 Club Brougham.



Another GIRCCCA member, Ed Villwock showed up with his 1947 Chrysler New Yorker (right)

Jim Manak (left), the Glen Ellyn show co-ordinator



Member News

Bud Schweppe, our intrepid world traveler, recently spent an entire month in Australia, visiting his daughter. While there, he happened upon a car show in Ballarat, a city of over 100,000. Ballarat is in south Australia just northwest of Melbourne, and is the third largest inland city in Australia.



Above is a Holden(nc). Most likely, so is the one below.



The Ford Mustang(nc) (left) enjoys world-wide popularity. The license plate on the right says 37 Dodge. It is Australian though - it has left hand drive.



The first steam car came out in Australia in 1896 and thus began Australian car manufacturing. It was produced by Herbert Thomson in Melbourne and used the first Australian made Dunlop pneumatic tires. Five years later Harley Tarrant introduced the first petrol engine motor car made wholly from Australian parts.

Holden(nc) was Founded in 1856 by James Alexander Holden and Sir Edward Holden. The company initially had a saddlery production but changed to car building and became GM Holden Ltd, a subsidiary of the American company, General Motors, in 1931 when it became the Australian brand responsible for Australian car production.

Holden reached the pinnacle of their career in the Australian market in the 1950's, supplying the increased post-war demand for cars.

The most renowned Australian car brand, Holden produces vehicles from sports cars to SUVs, not only for Australia, but also for the rest of the world.

Ford Australia is perhaps one of the country's most widespread car brands, established in 1925 as the associated company of American giant Ford Motor Company. It was the only manufacturer on the continent to use their own-produced high-volume engines. Ford Motor Company ceased manufacturing in Australia in 2016 due to substantial financial losses.



Garage Tour



On Saturday, May 4, we held our spring Garage Tour. Kudos to Tim Heywood for a well planned, interesting tour! Thank you to Charles Falk for the photos!

Garage Tour Report: Three collections were visited - O'Malley, Schaaf and Heywood collections. I would guess about 35-40 people attended. I heard compliments that people liked the variety of the mechanical things seen. We started about 10:30 am and the last visitors left our place around 3:40 pm.

Response was good and people seemed to enjoy the garage tours. I hope that everyone who came had a nice time.

- Tim Heywood



Our host, Mark O'Malley, standing next to a yellow Franklin, circa 1920's. (The car is shown at right)



Bill Morris drove his Pierce Arrow. Jeff Heileman's Buick is in back



Bob Mills and Jim Kleinschmidt were busy checking out engines

Members & Guests in attendance:

Tim Heywood, Kati Navadomskis, Dennis Heywood, Russ Rodriguez, Mary Ellen Theilemann, Charles & Joan Falk, Bob Mills, Jim Kleinschmidt, Rueben Taylor, Bob Starzyk, Tom & Jean Roche, Bob Murphy, Roger & Susan Stock, Bill Morris, Ray Levy, Jeff Heilman

Garage Tour



The Schaaf Collection is more about tractors than cars but there were enough interesting cars to satisfy a visitor who didn't care much for tractors. And the tractors were amazing.

The Heywood Collection in Frankfort was much bigger than I thought it would be; and quite diverse.

- Charles Falk



Inside the Heywood Collection - a 1932 Packard



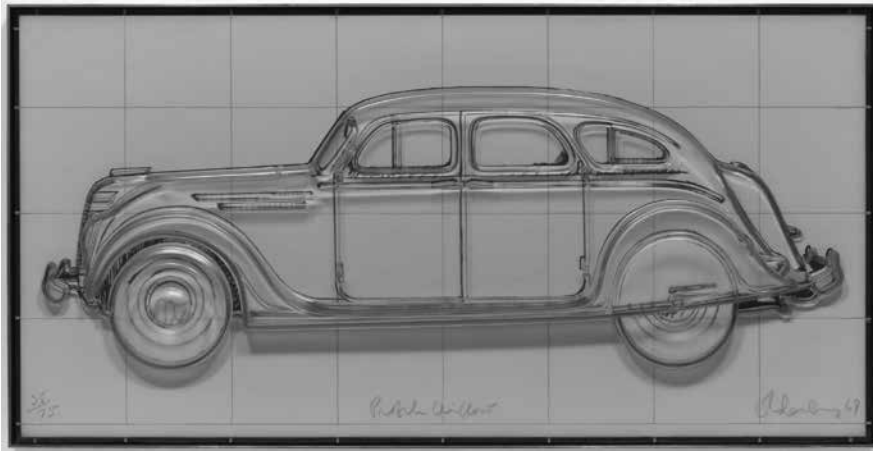
After the tour the Falks and the Roches opted for an authentic German dinner at The Bier Stube in Frankfort

News and Notes

From 15 June to 15 September The Toledo Museum of Art has an exhibition entitled “*Life Is a Highway: Art and American Car Culture.*” This exhibit provides an overall view of the automobile in American culture and its

impact on our society and economy and features approximately 125 works of art in a wide variety of media – including painting, sculpture, photography, prints and drawings. The curator of the exhibit, Robin Reisenfeld, Ph.D., said: “The works in the exhibition were chosen for their originality and insights into how car culture has shaped our notion of American identity.”

Claes Oldenburg, Profile Airflow, 1969. Cast polyurethane relief over lithograph. Collection of Flint Institute of Art



Several Great Race cars were damaged in a tornado in the early morning hours of Thursday, May 23, in Jefferson City, Mo. The cars, which were originally stored in Brad Epple’s airplane hangar at the airport, had just been moved to a storage facility due to record flooding in the area which was expected to put four feet of water in the hangar. The tornado hit just after midnight damaging Epple’s 1916 Hudson racer, his 1934 Ford produce truck, his 1965 Corvette and several other personal vehicles. Marybeth Lewis’ 1940 Cadillac, which was being stored there as well before being shipped to California for the Great Race, was also damaged. Fortunately, no one was injured, and the three cars entered into the Great Race should all be repaired in time for the event, which begins June 22nd.



More than one police department has recently reported attempted auto thefts that were abandoned when the young thieves discovered that they had no idea how to drive a 'stick shift'.



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