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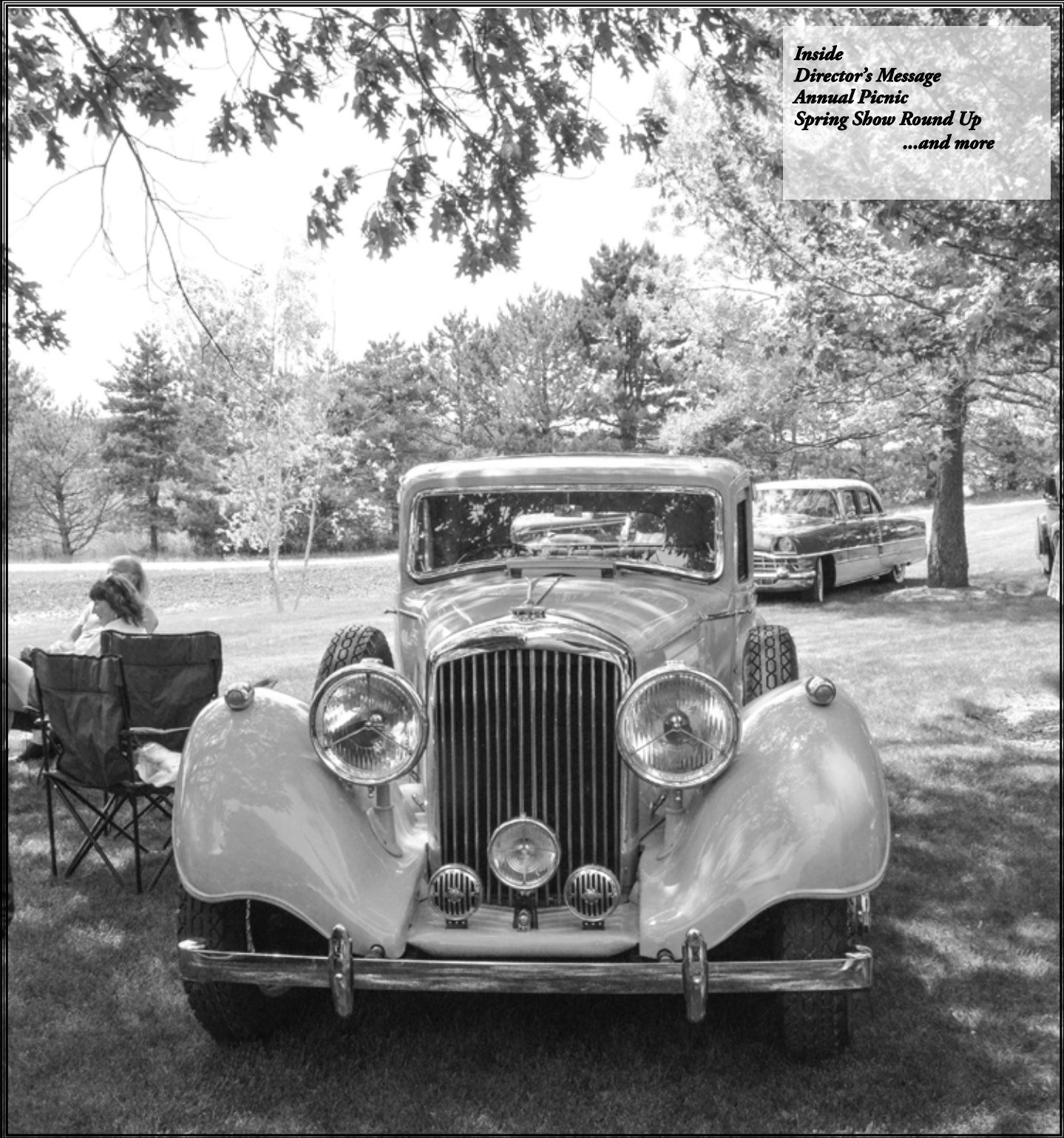
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"Let's go for a ride"

M. Blevins, editor

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Message from the Regional Director

Hello fellow members.

I'd like to take this opportunity to personally thank everyone who has ever contributed or participated in any capacity at our annual Oak Brook Father's Day car show.

Those who attended would have noticed that things were a bit different. I am well aware of your concerns and frustrations with the new policy of providing limited chains and stanchions. Mall management was made aware of my concerns before the event and wanted to proceed to see if this cutback would have any impact.

I think it's obvious to all that this had a very negative impact. Not only did many members refuse to bring their show pieces under this condition, but those that did suffered from many inappropriate actions taken by guests.



I can assure you that I will continue in my efforts to work with Oak Brook Center management to come up with a solution that works for all. I will keep you abreast of any changes in policy that the mall may take. Until then I will make plans to celebrate our 50 years of a very unique and prestigious event.

Once again on behalf of your Board of Managers I would like to thank you all for your trust and for your willingness to go the extra mile so that future generations can appreciate the beauty and significance of these timeless works of art.

CORDially,
Russ

2017 GIR/CCCA Events

July 15 - Classic & Coffee - Harvest House Restaurant, 7164 W 127th St, Palos Heights, IL 60463. 9-11 am

September 9 - MIRPA "Meadowdale Motorsports and Memories" - Carpentersville, IL - GIR members are invited to participate. Call 847-421-2891 for registration and information.

October 21 - One day Fall Tour - Save the date. Details are still in the works but will be announced soon!

November 19 - Annual Dinner - Save the date. Details TBA

Other Events of Note

July 9 - First St. Paul's 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. Call Bob Starzyk for info or to register your car! 708-334-4848

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

Cover Photo

This beautiful cream colored 1936 Bentley Saloon owned by Stephen and Sally Styers was just one of a number of classic and antique cars driven to this year's picnic.

In Memoriam Betty DeBickero

Betty passed away on June 6th. Survived by husband Jim, 3 children and her siblings, she will be greatly missed by her family and numerous friends. Memorial donations in Betty's honor may be made to Elm School PTO to continue the growth of the Prairie Garden Classroom and promote her love of nature, science and outdoor learning. Donations can be sent to: Elm School, 115W201 60th Street, Burr Ridge, IL 60527 Attn. Jeana Considine

In Memoriam Andy Simo

Miroslav Andrew Simo, longtime GIRCCCA member passed away in May. Miroslav Andrew Simo, age 79, of Riverside was former owner of New Archery Products. He is survived by wife Cherie, son Steven A. Simo, daughter Melanie (John) Maxwell, and several grandchildren.

Editor's Corner



Once again as I sit here going through literally hundreds of photos taken at recent events, I feel waves of guilt over having to leave out so many people and their beautiful rides, but space is limited. An editor's job isn't always easy! However, with our new website, I am working with Karin to put more of them online for all to see. That takes some of the guilt away at least. I hope you all stop by and spend a little time browsing the website. It's easy to remember. GIRCCCA.com.

Did you know that July 14 is officially Collector Car Appreciation Day? I didn't either until Russ emailed that information. This year that falls on a Friday and although there are no local events strictly for Collector Car Appreciation Day, I'm sure there are any number of car shows on any given Friday night in July. So maybe consider taking your pride and joy out to some nearby event to display that piece of art work this July 14th. It's the perfect opportunity to show off a bit, and make car aficionados aware of the Classic Car Club.

As a designated day, this could catch on. Who knows what next year might bring?

- Maureen

p.s. Full coverage of the OakBrook Show will be in the upcoming Dashboard

From The Mailbag

Paul, ...your idea to have entertainment was a terrific one. The DJ/performer turned out to be a treat that I think everyone appreciated.

A former member of Herman's Hermits!!!

John Maxson

Hello Paul,

I think that you could consider the picnic to be a great success!

Thank you for opening your home to us and providing a great place to have the picnic. This one was memorable!

Bruce Grabenkort

I am sure the above Thank You notes reflect the sentiments of all who attended this year's picnic. Once again - thank you Paul for providing the venue and the memories!

Russ Rodriguez, current Director and Oakbrook show coordinator, received the following note from the owners of the Marshall Field delivery van that was displayed at this year's show.

Hello Russ, We want to thank you for inviting us to the GIRCCCA Father's Day car show. I have followed the show for several years and always thought it to be the best show I could hope to be in. We were honored and excited to even be considered to be in a show with all those gorgeous classics of your club. We were overwhelmed by the size of the crowd and response to our car. Your volunteer staff were very friendly and helpful to a couple of "newbies" that we are. We thoroughly enjoyed our stay in the Oakbrook area.

Congratulations and thank you for a beautiful car show.

*Sincerely,
Evan and Susan Moore*



Spring Show Round-Up

The **Cars & Cops** show was a big hit with the general public, transcending cultural, racial and economic barriers. 243 registered cars showed up to be divided between 10 classes. Ironically, those classes represented chronological decades of car enthusiasts:

- Pre-war – mostly Model 'A' Fords(nc)
- Post war – through the late 40's
- Hot Rods – 1940's + 1950's
- Custom cars – 1950's
- Microcars – 1950's – 1960's
- Sport cars – 1950's - 1960's
- Muscle cars – 1960's – 1970's
- Exotics – 1970's – 1990's
- Tuners – 1990's – 2015's

As diverse as the estimated 3,500 guests were, they all shared the same love affair with their generation's automobiles. The Judged show appealed to families from across Chicagoland and appeared on the evening news of NBC, Fox, CBS, & WGN. The show was such a resounding success that Collectors Car Garage decided unanimously to produce a Cars & Cops event for the spring of 2018!

~ Burt Richmond



Above: Some of the pre-war cars at the inaugural Cars & Cops event.

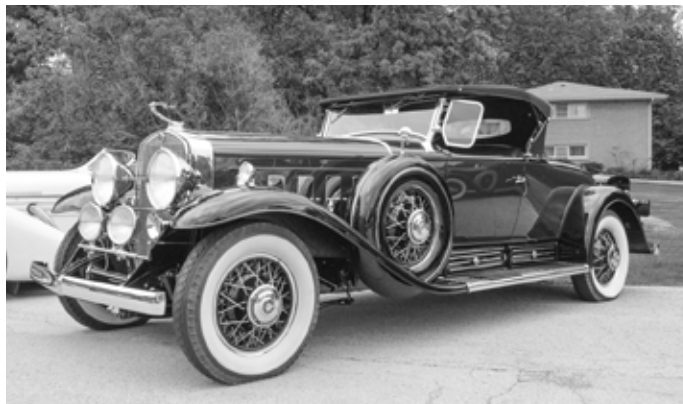


Left: Stephane Rambaud displays his 'Best of Show' award for his 1959 Aston Martin DB2/4 MK III(nc)

The 2nd annual **Art & The Automobile** in Palos Park, originally scheduled for Saturday, May 20, was postponed a day due to inclement weather. On Sunday morning, a parade of cars traveled from the Metra Station in Orland Park to the staging area at the Village Green, where a variety of artists also displayed their works in the juried fair.

Approximately 20 cars were on exhibit, including a Ferrari Spider(nc), a couple of Lamborghinis(nc), a half dozen full Classics, and several 50's and '60's beauties to round out the display.

Taking top honors for the day were Jim Tharp and Dennis Sobieski. Tharp (shown with Orland Park Mayor John Mahoney) was presented with the Best of Show Mayor's Award for his beautiful 1933 Packard and Sobieski was the recipient of the Curator's Award, presented by Dan McCarthy, show coordinator, for his classy 1930 Cadillac Roadster.





Over 60 cars turned out for the 4th Annual **Glen Ellyn Vintage Auto Fest** on June 3rd, filling the grounds at the Glen Ellyn Historical Society to near capacity. The weather was perfect with temps in the 80s and a light breeze.

John Maxson of the Packard Club was the star performer, giving his renowned presentation in the Society's auditorium on the history of the Packard Motor Car Company. Al Krodel also gave an interesting history on the Studebaker legend, from the 19th Century Conestoga Wagons that blazed the trails to the West, to the company's union with Packard in the 1950s. Mitch Frumkin, consummate expert on the Annual Chicago Auto Show, presented historic footage on that show, and

Dan Anderson, a local historian, gave a presentation on early vehicles and auto garages in Glen Ellyn. These lectures and audiovisual presentations make the Glen Ellyn event a unique experience, combining vintage cars with historic information.

An added treat this year was the appearance of a featured car, the historic Kennedy Packard, a 1937 model 1502 limo, owned by Russ Rodriguez. This car (pictured above) was the official car of Joseph Patrick Kennedy, U.S. Ambassador to Great Britain, 1937-1940, and father of the 35th President of the United States, John F. Kennedy. Ambassador Kennedy was the original user of this vehicle. The headlights of the car are Marchal headlights from France. Russ acquired the car in the 1990's and restored it to its present concours condition. A truly fitting piece of history for an automobile show run by a Historical society.

Of course there were Packards, Pierce Arrows, Cadillacs, Nashes, Studebakers, Model A's(nc), a '51 Aston-Martin(nc), a Hupmobile, Corvairs(nc), a Model T Depot Wagon(nc), Pontiacs, three 1960's West German Volkswagens(nc) (Beetle, Bus and Karmann Ghia), a '62 East German early series Trabant Station Wagon (Kombi) (nc), a '68 Czechoslovak Velorex(nc), Crosleys(nc), an '89 Maserati(nc), a 1935 Chrysler Airflow, a 1933 rare Buick Delivery van(nc), emblazoned with the name of Marshall Field on its side, a 1936 Auburn Speedster, Dodges(nc), a Hudson, a rare Packard Hawk(nc), Corvettes(nc), and others, classics as well as non-classics.

This year the Historical Society awarded Best of Show trophies in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places, based on voting. 1st Place went to the 1933 Marshall Field's Buick Delivery van(nc); 2nd Place to a 1929 Hupmobile Century Six Touring Sedan and in a tie for 3rd Place, to a 1935 Chrysler Airflow Sedan and 1931 Packard 833 Coupe.

The executive director of the Historical Society, Karen Hall, said the show will be held next year on Saturday, June 2, 2018, with additional room for more vehicles, as the show continues to grow in size and popularity.

- James Manak



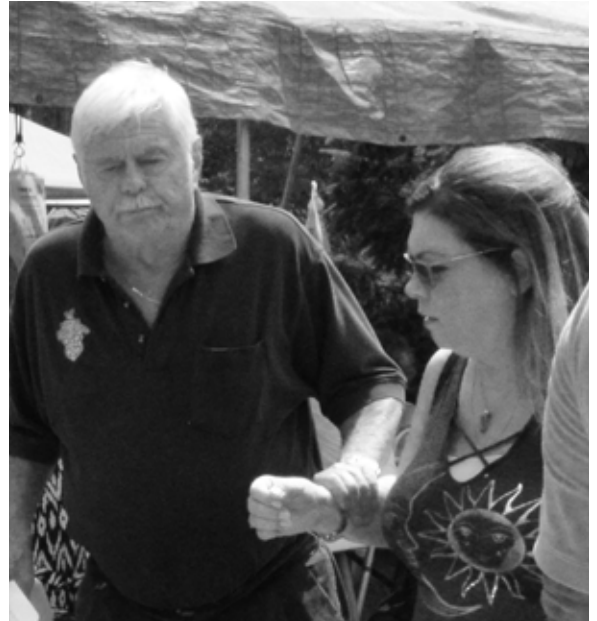
Annual Picnic

The 2017 Annual Picnic was held on Sunday, June 11th, at Paul TerHorst's place - which he affectionately refers to as 'monoxide manor'. Approximately 150+ people - GIR, POC, AACA members and others (including Paul's daughters and their families) - came and went throughout the day. Despite the unseasonable heat, a nice breeze kept things bearable as people took up seats in the shade of the beautiful old trees and a number of shade tents that some attendees brought along.

The array and the variety of food was outstanding. Add a keg of beer and a top notch entertainer in the form of Mike Bruccolari (formerly of Herman's Hermits) and you have the makings of a day to remember.

Cars were scattered across the expansive lawn and groups of people congregated around them throughout the day, sharing stories, examining the vehicles and in general, having a great time! The overwhelming consensus heard throughout the day was what a great success this picnic was!

Many thanks to the POC members who helped coordinate the day, particularly to Bob LaSpina and Pat Norris who again did chef duties at the grill, and to our own Bud Schweppe, who coordinated things on behalf of the GIR.



Unfortunately, Paul was not feeling his best that day. Recent knee surgery is healing nicely, but an arthritis flare up could have picked a better day.





GIR Members in attendance: Tom & Jean Roche, Tom & Ann Kleinschmidt, Marge and Stuart Kleinschmidt, Jim & Linda Kleinschmidt, Bud Schweppe, Charles & Joan Falk, Reuben & Emily Taylor, Dan & Darlene Sobczyk, Gary Jensen, Stephen & Sally Styers, Wally Ruppert, John & Dawn Brayton, Ray & Gail Bacci, Jim Rudnick, Jack Bowser, Chuck & Judy Kelly, Jack & Cherie Runnfeldt, Jim Manz

Classic Cars & Coffee

New Year - New program

The GIR is now doing a monthly Saturday morning get-together. The first one, May 13th, was a success, as was the second, on June 24th. Both were held at Elly's Pancake House in Elk Grove Village. The venue will be a changing one so as to make it convenient to members and interested parties in all areas around Chicagoland. Speakers are being planned for future meets. Some of the members on hand were Russ Rodriguez, Charles Falk, John Brayton, Mark Smith, Ed Villwock, Reuben Taylor, Bob Mills, Bill Morris, Tom Kleinschmidt.

Upcoming is July 15th at Harvest House Restaurant, 7164 W 127th St, Palos Heights, IL 60463.

Join us for breakfast and chrome!



MIRPA "Meadowdale Motorsports and Memories"

GIR Members are invited to show their cars at the MIRPA event (on the old Meadowdale race course track). The aim is to promote the club, tell the story of the classic car and recruit new members.

If you are interested, register for the show on-line at the MIRPA site. The cars will be clustered in a "Classic Car Corral". The show is Saturday, September 9, 10 - 3 but cars should be on-site between 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

This promises to be a fun event. The registration form is available at <http://www.mirpa.org/events.html> or by calling 847- 421-2891

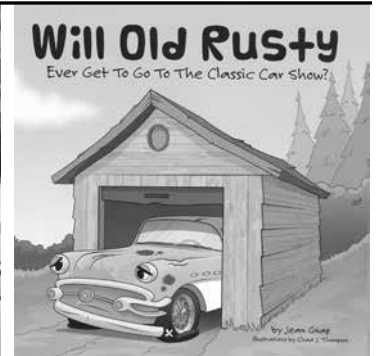
In The Spotlight

GIR member and current Board Treasurer Bob Starzyk has the unique honor of having a book written about one of his cars.

A local author, Jean Gnap, used Bob and Bonnie's 1956 Buick Special(nc) convertible as the inspiration for the main character in her book *Will Old Rusty Ever Get To Go To The Classic Car Show?* It's a cute children's picture book centered around Starzyk's Buick with the message that "hard work can make dreams come true".

The real car, which the Starzyks' have owned since 2009, actually does get to go to car shows, and has won Class awards at several, including the Geneva Concours, the Milwaukee Concours and the Concours at the Inn at St. John's.

Not a bad showing for 'old Rusty'.



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