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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

Hello Club members,

I'm sending this to you in hopes that we have not seen the final best weather of the 2015 driving season behind us. We still have two more great activities on our schedule for this year.

November 1 is our mini fall tour with a little something for everyone who enjoys Cars and History. We will be treated to a couple of private car collections that don't get public viewing often. That, and a jewel of a historical landmark in our back yard.

Coming up two weeks from then will be our annual dinner which is becoming a regular event at Arlington Racetrack. Here's hoping that we see many of you able make it out. I know you won't be disappointed.

These last two outings are just a small example of what your board has been able to do for you this year. Please take the time to consider becoming a more active member by volunteering to join this group. We are always looking for new blood and new ideas. If this strikes a "Cord" with you, please drop me a line. I'd love to chat.

Here's to giving our babies one more romp on the roads !



CORD'ially,
Russ Rodriguez,
GIRCCCA Regional Director

YOU DON'T HAVE TO OWN A CLASSIC CAR

to be a member of The Classic Car Club! All you need is an appreciation for these fine automobiles. We encourage everyone to join us on our tours and events. Not everyone owns a Classic, but everyone can join the fun!

Cover Photo Taken at the Geneva Concours, this 1920 Locomobile Dual Cowl Phaeton is owned by Bob and Sheila Joynt. Locomobile, founded in 1899, was taken over in 1922 by Durant Motors and eventually went out of business in 1929. The name Locomobile was coined, combining locomotive and automobile.

GIRCCCA 2015 Events

November 15 - Annual Dinner - Arlington Park

Invitations have been sent. If you did not receive yours and would like to attend please contact Tom Roche at 630-546-6506 ASAP.

If you were at last years dinner, you know what an excellent dinner it was and what a beautiful setting this is, overlooking the racetrack. Dinner will once again be buffet style, with great food. During cocktail hour Chuck Derer will be showing pictures of classic cars from various past events.

Cocktail hour begins at 2:00, followed by dinner, followed by this year's guest speaker, Mitch Frumkin, with a presentation on 100 Years of Chicago Auto Show highlights. This fast paced video tour covers vehicle debuts, classics, celebrities and more from 1901 - 2015. Frumkin is the author of several books, and has been the official auto show historian (a position he created) since the late 1990's.

November 17 - the Board will hold their annual Event Planning Meeting. Possible tours, events, and activities for 2016 will be discussed. If anyone has an idea or suggestion for an outing or destination that you feel could be of interest to this club, please contact any of the board members. We would love your input!



Other Events of Note

January 24, 2016 - Arizona Concours d'Elegance -Arizona Biltmore, Phoenix. In it's third year, this event will feature Duesenberg, Exceptional Cars of Great Britain, and Coachwork of Zagato. The concours opens 'Classic Car Week' which will also feature a Tour d'Elegance, and of course, Classic Car auctions.

February 13 - 21, 2016 - Chicago Auto Show - Members attending the annual dinner and this years' show will no doubt see it in a different light following the program by our guest speaker.

Editor's Corner



Ahh November. The Holiday Season is officially open! Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year celebrations will take up much of everyone's time in the coming months. It's not too early to make those Christmas lists or to start thinking of those resolutions you want to adopt.

It's been nice to have the Fall weather hanging in there. Maybe there will be another opportunity or two to take to the road for a ride.

Last week was Halloween and I was out for a different kind of ride - an annual fund raiser called Witches Night Out. For those of you who were at the tour of the Jacob Henry Mansion this spring, imagine the house and grounds overtaken by witches of all shapes and sizes - about 1,000 of them. What a perfect venue!

I hope you don't mind my sharing this picture with you that I took that evening. It's appropriately spooky with that full moon, don't you think?

Maureen

p.s. Of course I rode my broomstick - it's definitely a Classic!



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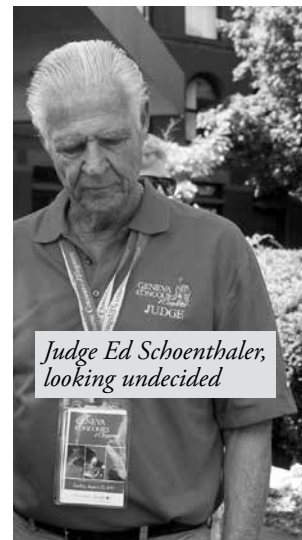
Geneva Concours d'Elegance - August 23, 2015

As with any concours, this annual show brings in cars not only from the Midwest, but from across the country. It's nice to have such a quality event so close to home and many GIR members exhibited cars from their collections. This year's featured marques were cars orphaned when their manufacturers went out of business, Jaguars, Police Cars and in honor of the 60th anniversary of Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin's Road America Race Track, cars that could have raced in the 1955 inaugural race. It was a great opportunity to view some very rare and elegant cars.

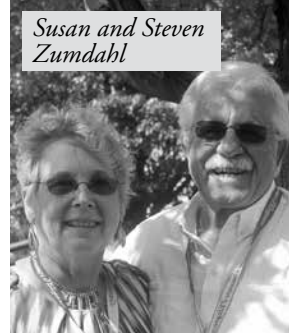
Master of Ceremonies, Bob Joynt introduces the award recipients in the parade of winners



The coveted Benz statuettes



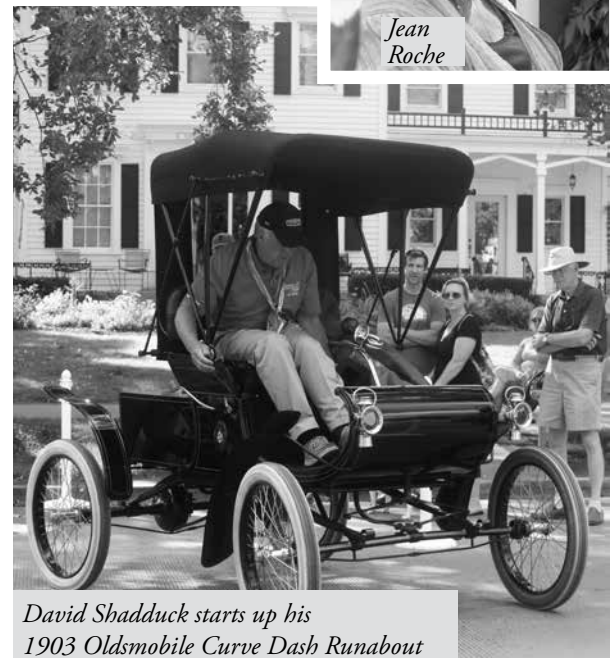
Judge Ed Schoenthaler, looking undecided



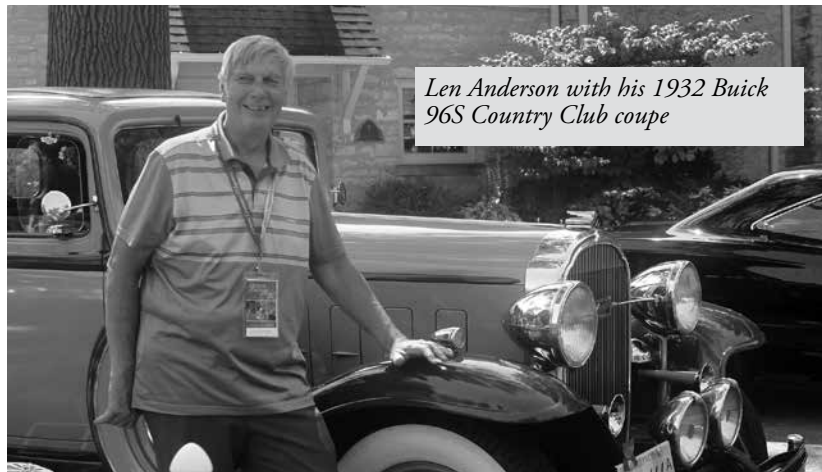
Susan and Steven Zumdahl



Jean Roche



David Shadduck starts up his 1903 Oldsmobile Curve Dash Runabout



Len Anderson with his 1932 Buick 96S Country Club coupe

Members and cars not pictured include Jack Bowser/1953 Vitresse, Terry Love /1974 Jaguar Roadster Series III, Wally and Glenadine Ruppert/1969 Jaguar OTS, Wayne Jorgensen & Paul Safransky/1966 Chrysler Imperial Crown Convertible, Dick and JoAnn Hansen/1957 Jaguar XKss, Chuck & Judy Kelley/1950 Oldsmobile Rocket 88 Club Sedan, Bob & Jackie Lederer/1907 International Auto Buggy Touring, Richard Driehaus/1948 Tucker 4dr Sedan, Tom & Jean Roch/1940 LaSalle, Laverne Pater/1936 Ford 5 window coupe, Art & Marge Swanson/1940 LaSalle Club Coupe, Carl Turano/1930 Packard custom 7 passenger Sedan, Russ Rodriguez/1937 Packard super 8 Limo, Ed Schoenthaler/1938 Horch Phaeton, John & Dawn Brayton/1936 Chevy Town Sedan, Allen & Nancy Strong/1935 Auburn Speedster, Tim Wiggins/1930 Packard Roadster. Sincere Apologies to anyone I missed!

An Alan Leamy designed 1932 Auburn 8-100A Sport Sedan owned by Paul TerHorst



Carrol and Carl Jensen's 1948 Jaguar Saloon



*Award winners Darlene and Dan Sobczyk (above) in their 1948 Pontiac Deluxe Silver Streak 8 Convertible
Bill & Virginia Hexamer (below) in their Award winning 1927 Cadillac Victoria Coupe*



Iron Gate outing September 12, 2015

Several members took advantage of an invitation to view Iron Gate Motor Condos of Naperville on Saturday, September 12. From all accounts, it was impressive.

An open-to-the-public event, car enthusiasts showed up, occupants displayed their cars, and a number of spaces (some finished and some under construction) were open for viewing. The result was in impromptu car show as well as a tour of the facility.

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It may sound like the ultimate in man-caves, but many owners consider it more of a family space. Others say it's perfect for inviting friends in to watch a game or to entertain dinner guests. All while being surrounded by their car collections.



(above) Tom Burgess, owner/developer of Iron Gate, conducts a tour of a unit under construction. (below) One of the completed units.



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... in Alabama to drive while blindfolded. (Now that is a relief.)

... in Oklahoma you will be ticketed if you are caught reading a comic book while driving. (Only comics? War and Peace is ok?)

... in Eureka, CA. to use a road as a bed, while over in Glendale, it's illegal to jump from a car at 65 mph (Neither sounds like a good idea anyway.)

... in Denver, CO to drive a black car on Sunday!

... in Scituate, Rhode Island to drive with beer in your vehicle even if it is unopened. (If you like your beer be sure to move within walking distance of a liquor store.)

...in New Jersey to frown at a police officer while you are being pulled over. (I bet they write lots of extra tickets for that one!)



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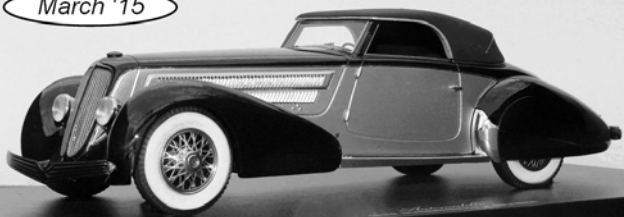
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