

# *UP TO SPEED*

Jan/Feb 2016

*Greater Illinois Region/CCCA*

*<http://gir.classiccarclub.org>*

*"Let's go for a ride"*

*M. Blevins, editor*

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First Outing of 2016  
...and more*



## *Message from the Regional Director*

Dear members:

It's that time of year where we take a moment to pause and reflect on the many memories of 2015.

I'm sure many of you have experienced incredible joys along with a few lows during this past year. It's only natural that life serves us a dose of both. I'd like to think that we can all be appreciative of the many blessings that we've had. Among those for me will be having the opportunity to serve as your director for this past year. You've given me a tremendous amount of support. Through your effort and participation you helped create a year filled with many opportunities to share our love for cars, history, and people. Maybe not in that order.

At this time I'd like to tip a glass to you and say thank you. Here's to making 2016 another great year for us to enjoy our collective passions together.

My best to all of you and may you be safe, healthy and enjoy a year filled with many new adventures !



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:** Attendees at the Annual Dinner are reflected in the mirrors next to a bronze racing sculpture in The Governor's Room at Arlington Park.

### *Welcome to our newest club members*

Ray Bacci, John Welch, Charles H. Walsh, Gerald Levisay, Jim Pater, and Gary Sissel.

## **GIRCCCA 2016 Events**

**February 28 - Beat the Blues** - with Lunch at Aurora's Roundhouse followed by a live performance at the Paramount Theater - two historic locations. Information and reservation sheet enclosed. Deadline is February 17.

**AT** the Board's annual Event Planning Meeting in November, potential tours, events, and activities for 2016 were discussed. The calendar is still being finalized. Please contact any of the board members with suggestions for outings/destinations you feel could be of interest to the club. We would love your input!

If you're wondering what happened to Valentines Day, it was decided that we had 'been there done that'. A great afternoon has been put together for the 28th - but don't forget something special for your Valentine on the 14th!

### *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. Phoenix 'Classic Car Week' also features a Tour d'Elegance, and auctions.

**February 13 - 21, 2016 - Chicago Auto Show - McCormick Place**



**Gail Manz**  
**1935 - 2015**



Gail passed away on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at Journeycare hospice in Glenview, IL. Known as a busy, hardworking person, over her lifetime Gail was a nurse and physicians assistant, secretary to the Director of personnel at Kleinschmidt Laboratories, and helped manage the family business, Beauchamp's Auto Radiator and Glass Service. She was also very active in the Lake Forest Women's Club and the Lake Forest Symphony Guild. Both Gail and Jim actively participated in their antique automobile hobby, which allowed them to meet and enjoy many fellow hobbyists across the country. Gail was also a much admired member of the Lake Michigan Region who contributed much to the club's success.

Dave Taylor of the Michigan Region adds, "Gail, having been born into the hobby, was a real 'Car Guy'. Her father owned some very significant collector cars, so she was well positioned from birth to make a dynamic contribution to our hobby and one from which we all benefited through her leadership, generosity and participation/support."

Married to Jim Manz for 58 years, Gail and Jim made their home in Countryside Lake.

## Editor's Corner



January. The time for resolutions, new beginnings and thoughts of spring. Yes, spring. Although winter has barely arrived, I, and I think a lot of others, feel that once the new year has arrived, we are on a downhill sled to spring! The hustle and bustle of shopping, visiting, eating, etc. leaves most of us needing a vacation. It's a great time to browse through travel brochures or internet sites to plan our next trip.

Me? I didn't wait. I did my planning early and will be heading to Arizona for a couple of weeks in January. A much needed get away/birthday present to myself. I can't think of a better way to start any new year than with a trip!

I sincerely hope 2016 brings good health, good times, good cheer and good touring to each and every one of us!

Maureen



*New Year Postcard from 1908*

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## *Greater Illinois Region Annual Dinner - November 15, 2015*



*Wilma and Bill Morris*

November 15th was the date of the 2015 annual dinner, held for the second year in a row in the Governor's Room at Arlington Park Race Track. It was a bright sunny day, very welcome weather for November. Ladies were treated to a carnation as they arrived, by greeters Jean Roche and Rose McNeela.

The best dressed couple was most certainly Wilma and Bill Morris. Bill was wearing his straw boater and seersucker suit and Wilma was stunning in her 1920's style blue dress accented with vintage hand bag and a vintage hand beaded necklace that had belonged to her mother. A classic couple, Wilma said they enjoy dressing up for events such as this one.



*Rose McNeela and Jean Roche*



*Bill and Virginia Hexamer, Sheila and Bob Joynt*



*Dan and Darlene Sobczyk*



*Joan and Charles Falk*



*Mark Smith*



*Dawn and John Brayton*



*Cheryl and Wayne Rissman*



*Mike O'Toole*



*Marleah and Bud Schweppe*



*Tom and Jean Roche, Ron Pavlak, Rose McNeela*



*Chris Schurrer*



*John and Carla Baxter and Alison and Steve Kaminski*

## *Greater Illinois Region Annual Dinner - November 15, 2015*



GIR Director Russ Rodriguez presents an award to Kathy and Roger Eckhart for their years of service to the club. Kathy, membership chair, and Roger, secretary, will be retiring to Florida in 2016. They will be missed!



*JoAnn and Don Stevens*



*Gail and Ray Bacci*



*Martha and Mike Belica*



*Jim Rudnick, Pat and Rob Wyse*



*Jean and Paul TerHorst*



*Carl Turano and Cathy Maltese*



*Chuck and Penny Derer*



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*Tom Kleinschmidt*



*Stuart  
Kleinschmidt*



Ann Kleinschmidt, Judy Kelley, Gail Bacci, Chuck Kelley, Bob Joynt, Mike and Martha Belica, Marleah and Bud Schweppe. Not pictured but also in attendance was Marge Kleinschmidt,

## *Greater Illinois Region Annual Dinner - November 15, 2015*

Our speaker, Mitch Frumkin, has spent years covering the auto industry and the auto show circuit. As director of research and development for nearly 14 years at Publication International, Ltd., he was responsible for the development and photographic acquisition of more than 300 "Consumer Guide" publications and *Collectible Automobile* magazines.

He has authored four books: "*Muscle Car Mania*," "*Son of Muscle Car Mania*," "*The Great Auto Trivia Book*," and "*Classic Muscle Car Advertising*" and co-authored three: "*World's Greatest Auto Show*," "*American Dream Cars*," and "*First to One Hundred – History of First 100 Chicago Auto Shows*". His original automotive paintings and computer-enhanced photographs have appeared in books and magazines.

Frumkin first began attending the Chicago Automobile Show as a car fan in the early '50s, and later as a founding member of the Midwest Automotive Media Association (MAMA). Since 1997, he has also been the photo archivist and historian for the Chicago Automobile Trade Association, sponsors of the show since 1935.

Before getting into publishing, Frumkin designed toys for Playskool, Ideal, and Kenner, and he holds several design patents. He is also the founder of Drive Communications, which provides new car evaluations and photography to buyers' guides and websites. He created and manages the Show History section of the Chicago Auto Show website, writes a regular column for *Old Cars Weekly* since 1997, and has a website, Vintage Quiz of the Week at <http://www.vintageadoftheweek.com>.



## *Annual Fall Tour - November 1, 2015*

The one-day tour was an outstanding combination of Classic Cars and historical architecture. Inadvertently omitted from the article in the Winter edition of *The Dashboard* was a heartfelt 'Thank You' to Russ Rodriguez. Both Russ and Charles Falk arranged this tour, lining up two wonderful automotive collections for the membership and their guests. My sincere apologies to Russ for this omission!



*Inside the Bransky's garage - an award winning collection of Lincolns and Trans Ams*



*Several guests look over the Allard belonging to David Hans as Stuart Kleinschmidt turns his attention to the Healey Silverstone*

Inside the Schweikher-Langsdorf House, the tour was divided into two groups. Here, a group makes themselves comfortable as tour guide John Latko fills them in on the history of the property. Virtually unchanged since it's construction, this spacious, environmentally friendly property had just two owners - the architect, Paul Schweikher, his wife and son and Alexander and Martyl Langsdorf. Langsdorf was a scientist on the Manhattan Project and Martyl was a well known artist. The home, located in Schaumburg, IL is on the National Register of Historic Places and is available for tours by appointment only.



## ***Jean Roche Receives AACA Award***

On October 10, 2015 Jean Roche received her Senior Master Judging Award at AACA Hershey for obtaining more than 25 judging points. Jean is the first female in the Illinois Region to achieve this award.

She said while attending different meets Tom told her "If you really want to understand and appreciate the cars, you should learn to judge them". So she did. "It's not about who has the shiniest paint. I can no longer look at the cars without seeing the flaws, orange peel in the paint, how the doors and hood fit, authentic wiring, etc. It is very difficult for me to take points off for defects since I know how much work goes into restoring a car. But I know it's not fair to the other cars who are perfect, to overlook the defects."

"I have to admit I do enjoy it. I have seen and judged some magnificent cars and friendships have developed with some of the other judges who have been so helpful in teaching me the finer points of judging. I would strongly encourage other women to try it."

Our heartiest congratulations, Jean!



*Herb Oakes, Vice President, Class Judging, congratulates Jean Roche on her award.*



## ***Famed Route 66 to turn 90 in 2016***

This year marks the 90th Anniversary of the highway made famous in literature, song and film. Officially established on November 11, 1926, it was removed from the United States Highway System on June 27, 1985, after it had been replaced in its entirety by segments of the Interstate Highway System. Portions of the road, often called 'America's Main Street', and 'The Mother Road', still exist however, and have been designated a National Scenic Byway of the name "Historic Route 66".

Car clubs, museums and towns in states all along the route are just some of the groups planning various types of celebrations to commemorate this anniversary year. One tour operator is offering a 36 night package, even offering European participants the option of having their own cars shipped to the States for the event at a cost of slightly over \$16,000. Unlimited roadside assistance included.

## ***Collector's Car Garage***

### ***A Country Club for Car People***

New York's Collectors' Car Garage® vehicle storage opened a sister facility, CCG Chicago, on December 3, 2015. Modeled after its prestigious parent, which has been the storage venue of choice for auction houses and collector car insurers, CCG Chicago will include a state-of-the-art security system with 24/7 video surveillance, and a fully climate controlled environment. As part of the "CCG Experience," in-house detailing and car concierge services will be available to ensure members experience the joy of collector car ownership without the hassles.

Beyond storage and car services, what local partners Burt Richmond and Michael Nemlich believe will make CCG a true Country Club for Car People, is the clubhouse, where members can gather to watch Grand Prix races, live auctions or other auto-related features on a large, flat-screen TV. Also available is an event space for hosting parties, business meetings, and larger car-related events. CCG Chicago is also planning seasonal scenic drives for its members as well as several vintage and exotic car shows on their front lawn.

Annual Membership of \$400/month/car entitles members to participate in CCG Chicago's social events. An introductory offer of free membership for three months (on annual contracts) is being offered to those who sign contracts before Jan. 31, 2016. Hours of operation are Monday-Saturday 8:00am-6:00pm; Sunday 10:00am-4:00pm. After-hours pickups can be accommodated with keypad access to four individually secured garage bays.

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In 1929, the Rolls Royce Phantom 1 Derby Tourer owned by silent film star Clara Bow cost \$17,840 new. Today, it would cost \$248,095.

Wallace Reid, another silent film star, owned a 1919



McFarlan Type 125 (above). Cost new was \$4,500. Today that cost would be \$61,856.

A 1928 Ford Model A Sport Coupe owned by Mary Pickford cost only \$550 new. At today's prices it would be \$7648. Still affordable.

Rudolph Valentino's 1923 Avions Voisin C-5 Sporting Victoria cost \$14,000. Today it would cost him \$194,694 new.

Cecil B. DeMille purchased a 1930 Cadillac Model 452A Town Cabriolet for \$8750. At today's prices, it would cost Mr. DeMille \$124,598 and change.

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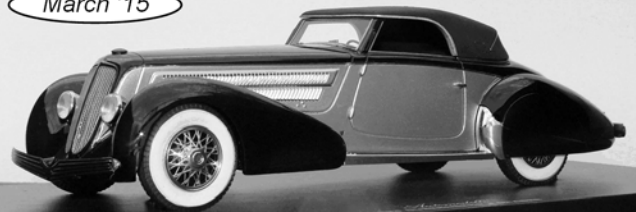
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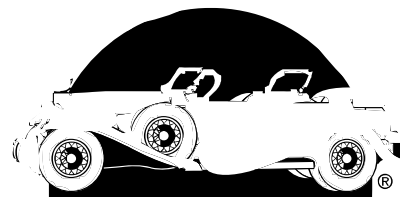
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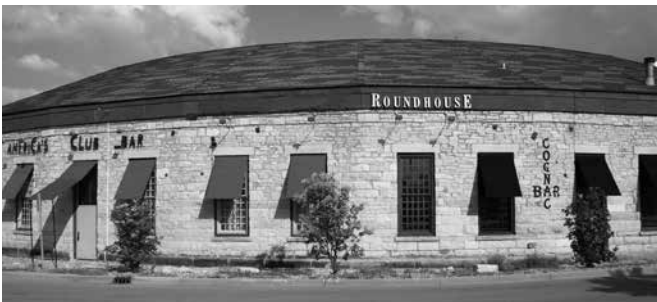
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