

UP TO SPEED

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Greater Illinois Region/CCCA
<http://gir.classiccarclub.org>

"Let's go for a ride"

M. Blevins, editor

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Message from the Regional Director

I have never enjoyed a spring as much as I have this year, seeing the green grass and the flowers blooming. As an airline captain I always got to see the sun, even when it was overcast because we would fly above the clouds and I would bid routes to South America and FL. Well spring is here, the flowers are opening up and so are the garage doors to bring out our treasured cars.

Our latest Behind the Scenes took place on May 4th. Thanks to Reuben and Emily Taylor for hosting it at their building at 1528 W. Adams St. in Chicago. This was a multi club event hosted by GIRCCCA with over 100 people attending from the following club; GIRCCCA, POC, AACA, Lincoln Owners Club, Cadillac LaSalle Club, and Naper A's. Several of these club members brought their cars to be displayed in Reuben's private parking lot.

We toured Reuben's shop and Columbia Model and Exhibit Company on the second floor and viewed the beautiful architectural models they construct. A special treat was viewing the Mars Rover full scale model that will be displayed at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry. We were asked not to show pictures of it because they are having a special event to display it. Then it was on to Reuben's garage to view more cars.

We were fortunate enough to have Leslie Recht, an authored historian and promoter of the Jackson Historic District set up open house tours of 4 brownstones in the area, on Jackson Blvd. and Adams St. The homeowners opened their homes to us and gave us some history of the neighborhood, buildings and the restorations. This was a rare opportunity to see these beautiful brownstones with their gracious owners giving details about them.

Our next activity is the Oak Brook Father's Day Show on June 15. This will be followed by a special event at Arlington Park on July 19, 2014. See the announcement on following pages.

Tom Roche,
GIRCCCA Regional Director



GIRCCCA 2014 Events

Sunday, June 15 ~ Father's Day Show

Oakbrook Center, Oakbrook, IL

July 20 ~ Annual Picnic Location TBA

Oct. 3, 4, 5 - 2014 Fall Tour Shipshewana, IN

Nov. 9 ~ Annual Dinner

Willow Brook Ballroom, Willowbrook, IL

CCCA Events

May 31 Grand Classic – Hickory Corners, MI

July 12 Grand Classic – Dearborn, MI

June 1 Experience Weekend – CCCA Museum
Hickory Corners, MI

June 13-15, 2014 The Elegance at Hershey, PA

Experience Weekend at Hickory Corners

The theme for this year's event is all Cadillacs and LaSalle's through 1962 and all Full Classics. There will be a Grand Classic on Saturday and a Concours on Sunday. Part of the weekend activities will be the opening of the new Lincoln museum and (perhaps) the new Cadillac – LaSalle museum. If you haven't been to an Experience consider taking the opportunity this coming May 30 – June 1.

Visit the website to find out what's happening.

http://www.classiccarclub.org/fun_events/experience.html

William Vogt

It is with a sad heart that I have to inform you that Bill Vogt passed away on March 2. Whenever Bill's name was mentioned I'm sure it always brought a smile to your face. Bill and Jackie were very active, long time members in GIRCCCA and served many years on the Board of Directors. They were active in the AACA, National and Illinois Region. Bill had over 80 judging points and was a Senior Master Judge. If you recall the Grand National Show at Rockford a few years ago, Bill and Jackie were responsible for that. Bill was Chief Judge. It rained the night before and they had to find a new show field and lay it out. Not an easy task.

Bill will be deeply missed, as is Jackie.

He was the loving father of Marla (Bill) Tipping and devoted grandfather of William and Cameron. Bill was 81.

His smile and sense of humor will be missed by all.

Welcome to our newest members:

Michael O'Toole, Patrick Hurst, and Charles Freihofer.



Like Tom, I too am enjoying our long awaited spring weather. I'm sure we all have a bit of that old *Spring Fever* and want to crank up those engines and dust off those cobwebs.

I have seen one or two muscle cars out on the road and the weekly 'show and shines' have begun. There is ample opportunity to get those classics out in the public eye with the summer concours, our own Oak Brook car show and the up and coming brand new event at Arlington Race Course. What a great way to get out and meet a few people, whether you are showing your classic or being a spectator.

I'll be there, I hope you will too! I'll be looking for you!

Maureen

Our New Format

Hopefully you noticed that this edition of Up To Speed arrived in a slightly different format. In an effort to conserve both costs and resources, we have switched to this form of mailing. No more envelopes will hopefully save a few trees in the long run, and immediately cuts our postage costs in half!

While we are on the subject of change and cost cutting, the Board has been discussing the possibility of e-mailing the newsletter to those of you who might prefer the electronic version. You have the option of continuing to receive the Up To Speed in the mail, or if you prefer, in your e-mail inbox. We are not forcing this change, but some of our members have indicated they would prefer e-mail. Please e-mail or call me maureenblevins@yahoo.com with Up To Speed as the subject or 815-483-8216. Either way, we need to know your preference!

Thank you in advance for your input and cooperation.



Fathers Day Show

Just a reminder that the Annual Fathers Day Show is almost here; Sunday, June 15 at Oakbrook Center. If you have signed up to show your automobile, do not forget your assigned number. It will help make sign in and parking go smoothly. If you have not registered to show your car, call Russ ASAP and let him know you are interested, there are sometimes last minute openings.

One thing Russ can always use is extra help with the show. If you are willing to help with sign in, please call and get the details!

It's always a great show, and a great opportunity to be active in the club and mingle with your fellow GIRCCCA members!

Russ.rod@sbcglobal.net 630-767-9000

New Event Announced

Guys Day Classic Car Show Arlington Park Race Track, July 19, 2014

If you would like to bring your Classic or Non Classic car to a car show at beautiful Arlington Park Race Track on 19 July, please contact me. We are limited to about 30 cars which will be parked right next to the stadium on the grass with the race tract right behind you. The cars will be roped off and there is a walkway in front of the cars, then grass and then a big yellow and white tent for beer sampling.

The cars will enter between 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. ONLY. The track will be shut down during this period so that the cars will not frighten the horses that are normally training during this time. Entrance fees are free for you and whoever is in your car. You also will get free tickets for the beer tent and lunch. We will depart after 5:00 p.m. I drove up to check this out and it is just beautiful. Very, very nice setting. Members who are not bringing cars are welcome to attend.

If interested, please contact me. Tom Roche 630-983-7825 RCAFLEET@AOL.com

Behind The Scenes - Sunday, May 4, 2014

Another Great Outing! GIRCCCA hosted this multi club event. Over 100 members from GIRCCCA, POC, AACA, Lincoln Owners Club, Cadillac LaSalle Club, and the Naper A's converged on Reuben Taylor's shop for a little socializing over coffee and donuts. Breaking up into groups, we then went on our tour. Four homes were open to us and the owners told their stories. One house was gun metal gray inside and out when purchased, and is now a virtual museum, furnished entirely as it would have been in it's heyday. Another house was actually moved to its current location from an adjoining street. Another owner lived in the basement while the rest of the house was being restored and returned to livable condition. Fascinating stories all!

Reuben's shop is always an interesting place, with cars and parts throughout, most of which come with a story. The tour ended with a visit to Reuben's upstairs neighbor, Columbian Architectural Models for an inside view into the world of architectural models and a peek at the Mars Rover model being built for the Museum of Science and Industry. All in all it was a morning well spent!



Mark Smith and Kathy Eckhart check everyone in



Reuben and Emily Taylor



Some great cars filled the parking lot...

...and some tiny cars!



The perfect purse!



*Bill Maryniak
and Kathy Tinker
from Columbian
Architectural Models*



Thank you to ALL of our gracious hosts!



Zabra and Thomas Kasza



Neil and Karen Kawashima and their charming son.



Leslie Recht (above), author and member of the historical society.



Jean Roche leads a group inside



Cathy Hooper



Details, inside and out.



The West Jackson Boulevard Historic District was one of the first districts designated by the City of Chicago Landmarks Commission, now a division in the City planning dept. The church of Epiphany & the area on Adams were designated separately & added to the district. The district is also listed on the National Register.

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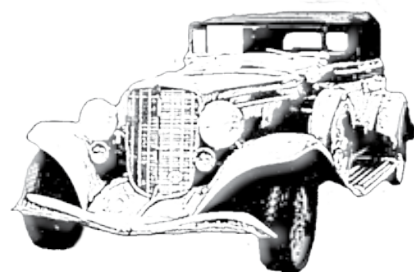
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For a complete list, go the CCCA website, where you can view and even download the complete list.

http://www.classiccarclub.org/grand_classics/approved_classics.html



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Wheels O' Time

Those of you who went on last Fall's tour to Peoria got to see the wonderful Wheels O' Time Museum. For those who have not been there the good news is they have just reopened for the summer and will be open through October.

In 1978 Gary Bragg and his friend John Parks built a 'garage' to house their antique cars. Almost immediately, people were interested in coming to see them. Gary's original car is there, as is Jan's. "He had to marry me to get my car" she quips.

Over the years it has grown to include many other antiques besides cars. Trains, planes, automobiles, tractors, fire engines and household antiques fill the rooms. A circus, built by Jan, comes to life with the push of a button. Other animated displays include a barbershop quartet and a model train. There is also a mock radio station, where you can listen to historic newscasts, and a replica of the 'Spirit of St. Louis'. Now up to five buildings, the newest houses a 'showroom' where the changing display is volunteer staffed by the local Ford V8 Club. Other volunteers assist selling tickets and as tour guides.



Jan and Gary Bragg

The museum is a popular spot - one third of the visitors are repeat guests. One visit and it's easy to see why. There are some unique items inside. People sometimes drop things off at the museum hoping their items find a home. Occasionally they will find a 'treasure' in those drop-offs and add it to their displays.

The Braggs have been members of CCCA since 1958. In their 44 years of marriage, they have raised a family and a museum. If you're lucky enough to run into Gary or Jan on your visit, introduce yourself as fellow members of GIRCCCA. They'd love to meet you!

Check their website for days and hours. <http://www.wheelsotime.org/>



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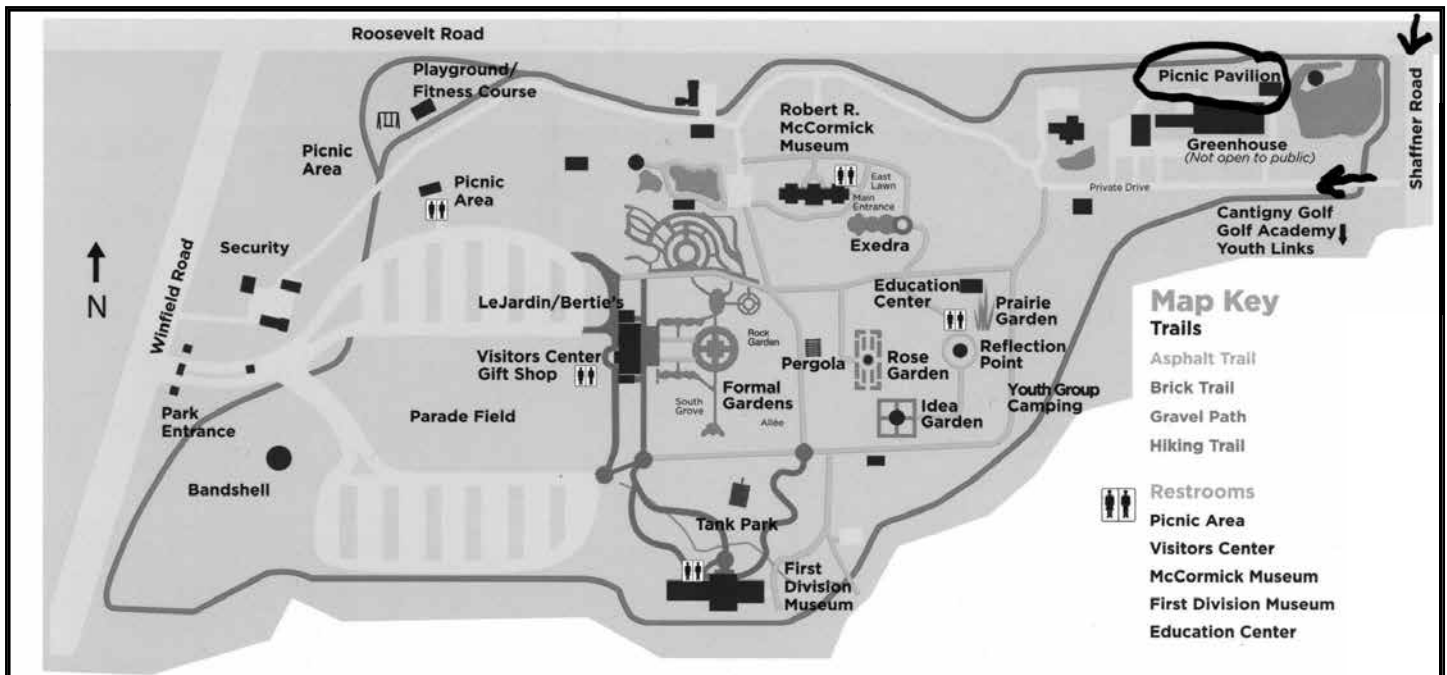
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The group prior to us has the picnic area from 11 to 3 p.m. So we can start arriving around 3:30 p.m.

CANTIGNY PARK, WHEATON, IL

No cost, other than a dish to pass.
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, soda and water will be provided.
However we do need a count to know how much to order.

RSVP: Bud Schweppe 630-690-9382
or email bschweppe@sbcglobal.net
by June 21st!

Suggested items to bring:

Last Name	A - I	Salads
	J - N	Side Dish
	O - S	Appetizer
	T - Z	Dessert

NO alcohol

NO pets

Remember: Call or email Bud by June 16th!

Hope to see you there!



Points of interest:

“Walt Whitman’s Soul Children of Chicago” will be performing on the other side of the park from 3 to 8 p.m. So park your car at our picnic area and walk over to hear them for a few songs.

- * Walk through Beautiful Gardens
- * Visit the First Division Museum War Museum
- * Tour the McCormick Mansion

Park Hours are 11 am to sunset

Remember to use The Shaffner Rd Entrance! If you use the Main entrance you will be charged admission.

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