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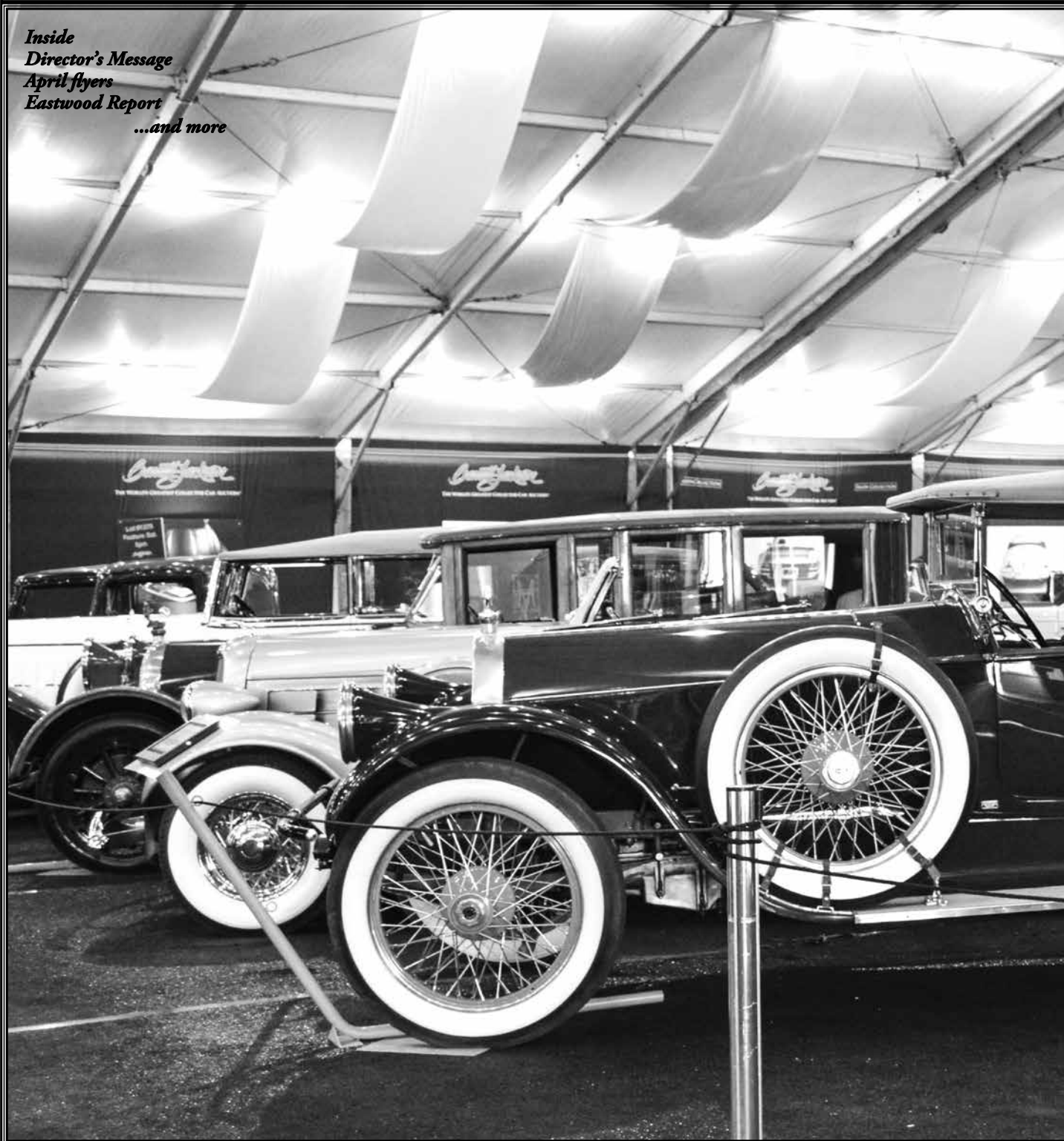
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"Let's go for a ride"

M. Blevins, editor

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Message from the Regional Director

Greetings GIRCCCA members:

We now are ready to present to you a full calendar of events which we hope will start the calendar marking process as you make plans to join your fellow Classic Cars enthusiasts.

I'd like to start by thanking Bob Starzyk for putting together our first event in February which opened our eyes to one of those best kept secrets. This tour and talk at Eastwood as well as a visit to Midwest Car Exchange was enjoyed by all who attended.

I'd also like to share with you that our newest board managers have jumped in with both feet and are playing a big role in the development of the club's activity schedule. Within these pages you'll be able to read a little bit more about their backgrounds.

Next up will be a trip to Frank Troost's private collection, a restoration shop, and a couple of art and history museums in Elmhurst.

I also invite you to check out our new and improved website for a current list of events as well as electronic registration forms (www.girccca.com). Yes we are embracing technology and making the sign-up process even easier. As always we welcome your feedback and comments. Tell us what we can do to make your membership something you want to share with your friends.

So although mother nature continues to be fickle with her offerings, let's make the most of the good weather we get when we get it.

Looking forward to seeing you all on another adventure soon.



CORDially,
Russ

Cover Photo:

January was auction month in Phoenix/Scottsdale. This issue's cover is a view of some of the elegant vehicles at last years auction.

Welcome to our newest club members

Michael Procaccio, Gary Jensen, Mark Busse

GIR Events

April 8 - "Gems & Gems on Wheels" - A behind the Scenes look at the Frank Troost Collection, Lizzadro Museum and more. Flyer enclosed!

April 30 - Dinner & A Show - Private Collection, and Elisabeth Von Trapp at the Sandwich Opera House.

May 13 - Coffee & Classics - Location TBA

May 20 - Art & The Automobile - Palos Park, IL
contact info: Dan@elementscremation.com

June 11 - Annual combined GIR/POC PICNIC

June 18 - 39th Annual Father's Day Car Show
Oakbrook Center

July 1 - Motors & Music - Arlington Race Track

November 19 - Annual Dinner

CCCA Events

March 29 - April 2 - CCCA Annual Meeting - Reno, NV

May 12 - 13 - CCCA Grand Classic: Auburn, IN
(joint CCCA/AACA meet)

June 11, 2017 - Grand Classic San Marino, California

June 24-25, 2017 - Grand Classic Sequim, Washington

May 12-21 - Nordic CARavan in South: New Orleans, LA

June 4 - CCCA Museum Experience: Hickory Corners, MI

July 30 - 39th Annual Concours d'Elegance of America,
at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth, Michigan

Other Events of Note

May 21 - Cars & Cops - a judged show at CCG, 2500 W Bradley Place, Chicago. Benefits the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation to help provide Bullet Proof vests.
Info & register: www.cpdfoundation.org/carshow

June 3 - Annual Glen Ellyn Show

June 11, 2017 - Cincinnati, OH - 40th Concours d'Elegance - Ault Park.

June 9-11, 2017 - The Elegance at Hershey

July 13-16, 2017 - Keeneland Concours d'Elegance

Thursday, July 20 - Palos Heights Car Show 5 - 9 pm
features a special section for CCCA Classics

August 5-6 - Milwaukee Concours - Milwaukee, WI

August 29 - Geneva Concours - Geneva, IL

Is This Your Last Issue? Don't let it be! Make sure you renew your REGIONAL membership at the same time as your NATIONAL so you don't miss any of our great publications and invitations to all our upcoming events.

Editor's Corner



March is here and Spring is not far behind. It won't be long until those Classics start coming out of storage. So, this seems like a good time for me to make my request. If you are taking your car to a show or concours, be it large or small, local or across the country please, please, let me know. Give me some details. And if you can throw in a picture or two it would be doubly appreciated! Likewise, if you have some interesting news or accomplishment not car related don't be shy about sharing. I know you're not all sitting home twiddling your thumbs!

Up to Speed is your newsletter and I would like to feature as much good news on members as we can find. Please, give me a call at 815-483-8216 or drop me an email maureenblevins@yahoo.com. It will be painless - I promise. It might even be fun!

- *Maureen*

Board Notes

The first meeting of the year was held on January 29th and our February meeting was on the 21st. A heartfelt Thank You goes out to the Cantore Family for their continued generosity and gracious hospitality in providing a place for us to meet. It is truly appreciated.

Additional progress was made in finalizing dates for several of our upcoming events. Check the schedule of events and mark your calendars. We hope to see as many of you at those events as possible. This year is shaping up into a nice variety of events and locations and promises to have something for everyone.

We would like to welcome Bob Mills back to the Board. Along with his enthusiasm, Bob brings his previous experience as a board member to the table.



Former board members Kathy and Roger Eckhart recently retired and moved to Florida. Looks like they are enjoying their new, relaxed lifestyle!

We would also like to welcome Karin Fox on board as our new web assistant. Social media is very important to maintaining a public profile and in attracting new members to our club. Karin's experience and background in web design and website creation makes her the perfect fit for this position.

Karin gave our website a redesign and will join John Brayton in keeping the site current. Be sure and check out the new site at its new address!

www.girccca.com

Comments are welcome!



Get Well Wishes to...

...Reuben Taylor who recently underwent surgery for a heart valve replacement. We are pleased to report he is home, doing well, and recovering nicely! Personal greetings can be sent to Reuben at 699 Revere Rd, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 or at 630-469-1447

...Paul TerHorst who had a knee replacement. Paul is back home and in the process of R & R - rehab and recuperate! Extend well wishes to Paul at 27526 N. Owens Rd., Mundelein, IL 60060 or by phone at 847-558-9732.

...Ed Schoenthaler. The GIRCCCA community extends its most heartfelt good wishes to Ed who is still battling his illness. We wish him well.

Behind the Scenes

Saturday, February 11 was the first outing of the year. It was a 'behind the scenes' look at Eastwood Automotive, an auto body repair supply store for both do-it-yourselfers and professionals. Although no one brought out their classic, a couple of vintage autos were spotted in the parking lot. It was a good turnout of members and a few guests. Thanks to Bob Starzyk for arranging this informative event.

First on the agenda was coffee and donuts as everyone mingled and wandered about the store. Employees Gary Wroble, Dave Nieman, and Vern Klemm were on hand to answer questions and provide advice. A fourth member of the Eastwood staff, Phil Randell, was giving a class on welding. All of them are retired 'car guys' fully qualified to give recommendations and advice on your restoration projects.

An informal but very informative talk on the importance of having your classic correctly appraised and insured was given by Eric and Mark Leszczynski and Mike Maslowski. Maslowski is the Hagerty Insurance Rep for the area and the Leszczynskis run the Midwest Car Exchange.

Following the question and answer portion of the talk everyone drove the short distance over to Midwest for a look at their current inventory and background on some of the cars. The day was capped off with lunch at the Country House Restaurant.

Top tips

Re-appraise your vehicle every 3-5 years
Unplug the battery while the car is in the garage

Save any and ALL car-related paperwork
Take LOTS of pictures of your car including any extra parts you may have



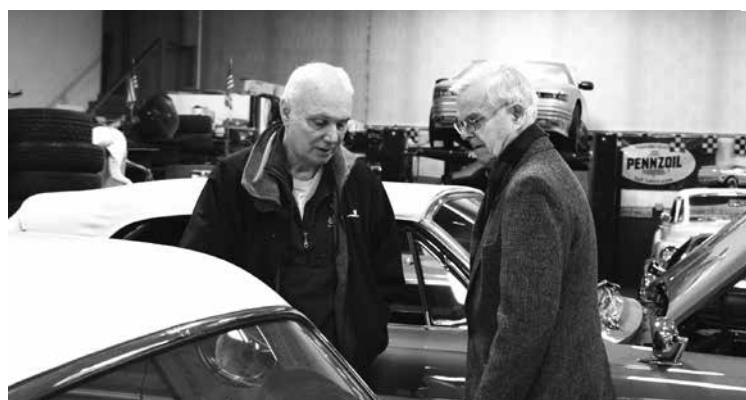
Mike Maslowski, Hagerty Insurance Rep; Gary Wroble, Dave Nieman and Vern Klemm of the Eastwood staff; the building's exterior in Alsip, IL with its larger than life-size mural, Board members Russ Rodriguez, Dan McCarthy and Bob Starzyk join the group waiting for the program to begin

Behind the Scenes

In 1991 Mark Leszczynski and a partner, Bob Cozza purchased the Midwest Car Exchange on Laramie Ave, in Alsip, IL. It has since grown from a local business to one that sells cars nationwide and even to European and Japanese buyers.



Mark Leszczynski (above) of Midwest Car Exchange; Mark's son Eric (left) answers questions for Wally Ruppert.



Members in attendance:

Russ Rodriguez, Bob Starzyk, Tom Roche, Dan McCarthy, Tom and Stuart Kleinschmidt, Al Sikora, Bud Schweppe, Charles Falk, Wally Ruppert, Stephen Styers, Reuben Taylor, Bob Joynt, Dan & Darlene Sobczyk, Paul Callighan, Gary Jensen



Auto Notes & News

News from Scottsdale

A couple of our members made the trip to the auctions in Scottsdale this January. Dan and Darlene Sobczyk as well as Bob and Bonnie Starzyk were in the Phoenix area for trips to the Barrett-Jackson, Bonham's, and Steele and Russo auctions.

Bob Starzyk noted that the number of Classics for sale is down - way down, indicating only about 1% of the cars crossing the auction block were Classics in his estimation. The hot trend in today's market is muscle cars and sports cars.



photo courtesy Bob Starzyk

The fourth annual Arizona Concours d'Elegance, held in January on the grounds of the Arizona Biltmore, crowned the 1936 Bugatti 57SC Atlantic owned by Peter and Merle Mullin and Rob and Melani Walton as its Best of Show winner.

The magnificent hand-built car is notable for its prominent front fenders and a narrow aluminum body uniquely joined by rivets running along flanges atop its fenders and down its spine.

CHICAGO AUTO SHOW Wrap-Up

The nation's largest auto show grew by 55,000 sq ft this year - to 75,000 sq ft. where more than 20 vehicles made their world debut. Ford, Kia, Mazda and Subaru hosted outdoor test drives. and indoor tracks included Toyota's Highlander and RAV4 track, Fiat Chrysler Automobile's City Drive track and Camp Jeep.

Consumer voters selected their favorites in five categories in the "Best of Show" balloting. The Chicago Auto Show is the only major auto show that polls its attendees' favorite vehicles and exhibit.

Winners in the contest's five categories were:

- Best All-New Production Vehicle: 2018 Ford Mustang
- Best Concept Vehicle: LEGO Batmobile from Chevrolet
- Best Green Vehicle: 2018 BMW 530e
- Vehicle I'd most like to have in my driveway: 2018 Chevrolet Corvette

Planning is already underway for the 110th edition of the Chicago Auto Show. The 2018 show will open on Saturday, Feb. 10 and run through Monday, Feb. 19 - to take advantage of the Presidents Day holiday.

This item just made AARP's recent listing of 7 U.S. Museums for the Curious Traveler

The Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, Michigan

A small-town guy named Donald S. Gilmore started this collection of vintage cars 50 years ago, and now the Gilmore Car Museum is a key stop for auto geeks and nostalgia trippers. The museum displays some 400 cars and motorcycles, including rarities like the 1911 Stanley Steamer. You can also check out a re-created service station, circa 1930; a London double-decker bus and an authentic 1941 diner.



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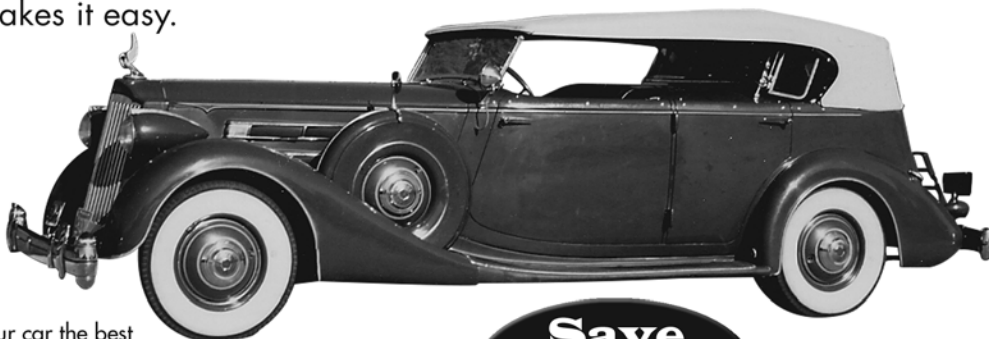
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Not To Be Missed

For what is being described as an historical event, the AACA and the CCCA are holding a combined national meet in Auburn, IN, the classic car capitol of America.

Billed as the 'Triple Crown Meet', it coincides with Auctions America's Auburn Spring Weekend May 11 - 13. Members who own full classic automobiles will be able to have their cars judged the same day and vie for their club's special awards as 100 or more cars come together for the event.

A yearly Spring tradition for collectors and enthusiasts across the country, Auctions America's Auburn Spring event is the first of the company's two annual Auburn sales. The weekend will also feature a 500-car auction, swap meet and car corral. Friday will see judging schools and seminars, followed by a free evening concert for club members and VIP guests.

Additional information can be found at either club's websites:
www.classiccarclub.org
or
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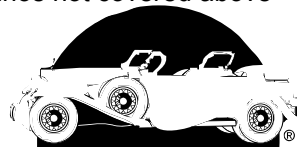
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GEMS & GEMS ON WHEELS

Vintage Cars, Lapidary Art, and Local History

Saturday, April 8, 2017

9:15 am the FRANK TROOST COLLECTION:

4242 Warren in Hillside, IL

Donuts and coffee will be available as we tour this collection of MOPARS, Studebakers and other fine automobiles. 708-774-7932

Off street parking is available on the west side of the building for older or valuable cars.

Please Do NOT arrive before 9 am.



10:15 am we will make the drive (approx. 30 minutes) over to "CLASSIC REMEDY": 348 N. Addison RD in Addison, IL for a tour of this shop specializing in Vintage Porsche restorations. 630-460-5040

11:30 am We will move on to the LIZZADRO MUSEUM OF LAPIDARY ARTS 220 Cottage Hill Ave, Elmhurst, IL

to view this outstanding collection of jade and other stone carvings.

Special exhibit: Replicas of Faberge hard stone carvings.

The building itself is designed to resemble a jewel box.



**NOTE: Elmhurst College, just west of the museum off of Prospect Avenue, will provide passes and cordoned off parking for Classic Cars, enabling those drivers to walk back and forth between the Lizzadro museum and the Frick Center.*

1:00 pm Luncheon is scheduled at the FRICK CENTER, Elmhurst College, 190 N. Prospect Ave.

One block from the museum - walk or drive

Following lunch walk or drive the four blocks to the

ELMHURST HISTORICAL MUSEUM,

120 E. Park Ave. housed in the historic 1892 Glos Mansion.

Special exhibit: House and Home; traveling exhibit from the National Building Museum, Washington, D.C.

Both museums provide wheelchair access



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Checks and Reservations must be received by March 31

Fee covers ALL of the day's activities, including lunch