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March/April 2016

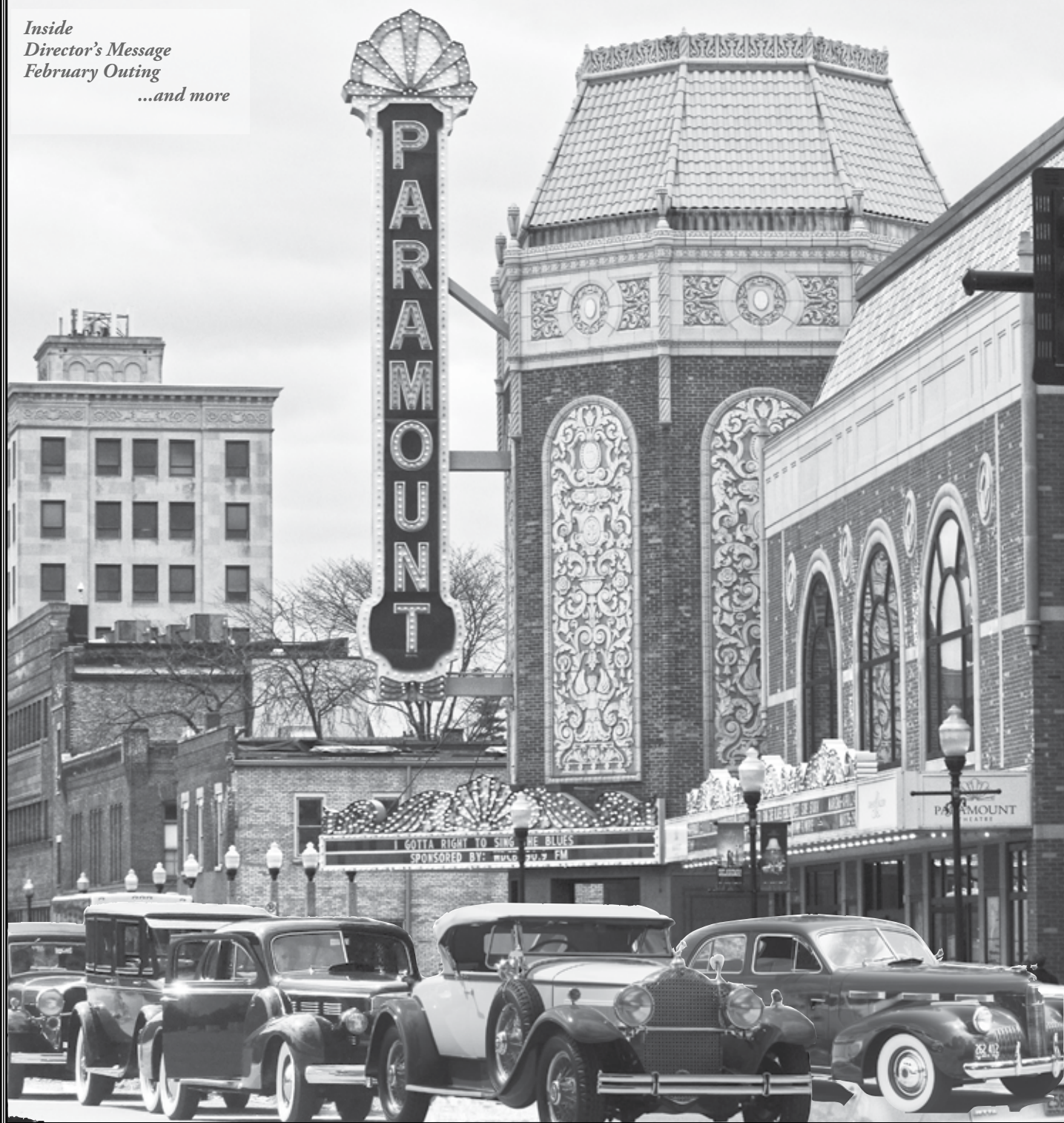
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*"Let's go for a ride"*

*M. Blevins, editor*

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## ***Message from the Regional Director***

Greetings fellow members. Well it's that time of year again where changes are all around us. Not only are we looking at temperatures finally creeping up and days getting longer, but the political winds are blowing something fierce.



Regardless of where you may be drawn in the political spectrum I think it's safe to say that this is shaping up to be an election like no other we have seen before. Make sure you exercise your democratic responsibility and vote for those you feel can best protect our many freedoms.

Speaking of yet another change, I'm happy to report that those experts who follow the car hobby are voicing a trend they see where more and more younger car hobbyists are getting involved. Younger as in 30 to 50. Boy doesn't that sound odd to say. I look at this as tremendously good news for everyone. That means we're not ready to declare our 4 wheel love affair to be going extinct. Sure, there may be many fine cars in the 70s and 80s more to their liking, but the good news is there's always going to be something for everyone.

I can't emphasize enough how important it is that for those of us lucky enough to have these older classics, we exercise the many opportunities we have this year to put them on display. We need to share with this new crop of eager eyes their wonderful stories and not just their beautiful lines. The more they know and see these cars the more others will appreciate them too.

On a final thought, the board is interested in seeing some new faces to help with the planning and development of this year's calendar. Many thanks to the unselfish years that Kathy & Roger Eckhart have given us.

If you have the time and interest we would love to see you consider joining the board. Just drop me a line and I'll be happy to share more. Think Spring!

CORD'ially,  
Russ Rodriguez,  
GIRCCCA Regional Director

### ***Welcome to our newest club members***

Bob LaSpina, Daniel McCarthy, George Weathered, and Stephen Styers.

## **GIRCCCA 2016 Events**

**May - Spring Tour** - Rockford Auto Museum, Jon Sanders collection and more. Details TBA

**June 19 - Annual Oakbrook Classic Car Show** contact Russ Rodriguez 630-767-9000

**July 24 - Annual GIRCCCA/POC Picnic**

**August 27 - Hagerty Youth Program** - Location to be decided. Contact Russ Rodriguez 630-767-9000

### ***Other Events of Note***

**April 3 - AACA IL Region Swap Meet** - Don McCue Chevrolet, St. Charles, IL.

**April 23-24 - AACA Spring Tour** - Follow country roads in Northern IL and Southern WI. Overnight at the Ridge Hotel in Lake Geneva. Contact Chris Schurrer 815-382-0238

**May 5-7 - Auburn Spring Collector Car Weekend** - Auburn, IN

**May 21 - 3rd Annual Glen Ellyn Vintage Auto Fest**  
**10 am - 3 pm** Contact Karen Hall 630-469-1867 ext 101 or Jim Manak 630-858-6092

**May 29 - AACA Sandwich car show** - county fairgrounds, Sandwich, IL

**June 4 - 6 Gilmore Experience CCCA Museum. Hickory Corners, MI**

**June 23-25 Bloomington-old Corvettes** - Indianapolis Motor Speedway - Indianapolis, IN

**June 14 - 26 - The Great Race** - Vintage cross country race from San Rafael, CA to Moline, IL

### **Board Meeting Notes**

January and February meetings covered business, and event dates for 2016. A venue is still being sought for the Hagerty Youth Program on August 27, designed to teach young drivers to drive stick shifts. If you have a car with a manual transmission that you would consider allowing these youngsters to drive in an extremely controlled environment, please contact Russ Rodriguez 630-767-9000 for more information.

It has been decided to discontinue printing a membership booklet. It will be available online, and CCCA does publish a list in their annual book. If anyone would like a roster of GIR members, please contact Mark Smith and a list will be mailed to you.

We would like to update our email list. We ask that you email [flysmitty@sbcglobal.net](mailto:flysmitty@sbcglobal.net) with your preferred email address. We have a number of outdated ones and would like to make it current.

**Cover Photo:** No, none of the participants in our Beat The Blues event actually drove their Classics to the Paramount Theatre in Aurora, but it's fun to imagine what it would have looked like if Tom, Mark, Stuart and Reuben would have brought their cars.



## Editor's Corner



Yay - Spring is right around the corner. I'm sure everyone is just as excited about that as I am. I don't know about you but I've already been seeing Robins. I guess they are as anxious as we are to get out and enjoy some nice weather.

Nice weather means opening up the garage doors and taking those buggies for a spin to clear out all the cobwebs that can accumulate over winter.

What are your fondest memories of cars and Spring? When I was a kid I loved to sit in my uncle's Buick as it sat in the driveway on a sunny but otherwise chilly day. Warm and toasty inside, it was a good place to read the 'funny papers' on a Sunday morning and listen to the radio. As an adult, I'm often tempted to park my own car in the driveway, take my laptop out there and turn it into my office for the day. With an iPod and an iPhone I'd be all set and wouldn't even have to drain the car battery down listening to the radio like I used to, leaving my poor uncle to wonder why his battery was so often dead. It took us both a while to figure it out.

Think Spring - and make some great new memories.

Maureen

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's that time of year again! If you have not renewed your membership in the Classic Car Club or the Illinois Region please do so - you don't want to miss a thing! REMEMBER: You must first be a member of national, to join the regional.

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## *Greater Illinois Region February Outing - February 21, 2016*



Beating the Winter Blues was the theme of this year's February outing with a trip to two historic properties. First was a stop at the Roundhouse in Aurora for lunch. Originally constructed in 1856 as a roundhouse for the Chicago & Aurora Railroad, it was eventually abandoned and fell into disrepair. In 1995 a group of investors led by Walter Payton converted it to an entertainment complex. In its current incarnation as Two Brothers Roundhouse Restaurant and Brewery, it is the oldest limestone roundhouse in the U.S. and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Our group had accommodations upstairs, in a cozy nook next to a massive limestone fireplace.



*Martha Belica and Valerie Rogers*



*Joan and Charles Falk*



*Emily Taylor and Mark Smith enjoy some conversation as Penney Derer and Reuben Taylor study the menu*



*Penney and Chuck Derer*

Thank you to Bud Schweppe and Charles Falk for planning an enjoyable afternoon! Although Bud and Marleah were in Florida the day of the event, Charles and Joan were on hand to see that things ran smoothly and to distribute tickets.





## Greater Illinois Region February Outing - February 2/, 2016



After lunch, the group traveled a few blocks over to the Paramount Theatre on Galena Boulevard. Designed by theater architects C.W. and George Rapp, the Paramount was commissioned in 1931 for one millions dollars and was the first air conditioned building to be built outside of Chicago. It opened in September, 1931 with appearances by Paramount film stars including the Marx Brothers, Jack Benny, and Burns and Allen.

*I Gotta Right to Sing the Blues* was a tribute show to three great ladies of song; Ella Fitzgerald, Judy Garland, and Patsy Cline. Karen Richardson, Angela Ingersoll, and Katie Deal, respectively, gave outstanding performances singing some of their greatest hits in between giving commentary on the lives and some of the highs and lows of the individual careers of these three legendary performers.



*Nobody singin' the Blues here: Joan Falk, Jim, Marge, Stuart, and Linda Kleinschmidt*



*Bill and Virginia Hexamer enjoying the unseasonably warm day*



*Roger and Kathy Eckhart*



*Mark Smith and Tom Roche settle in*





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*Lee Gurvey with his award*



*Sandra and Lee Gurvey*



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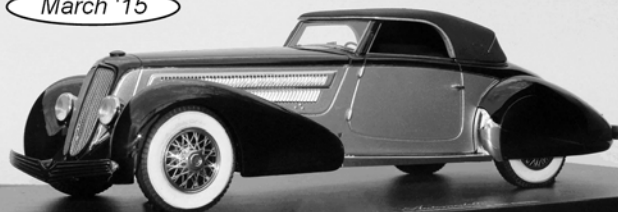
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