

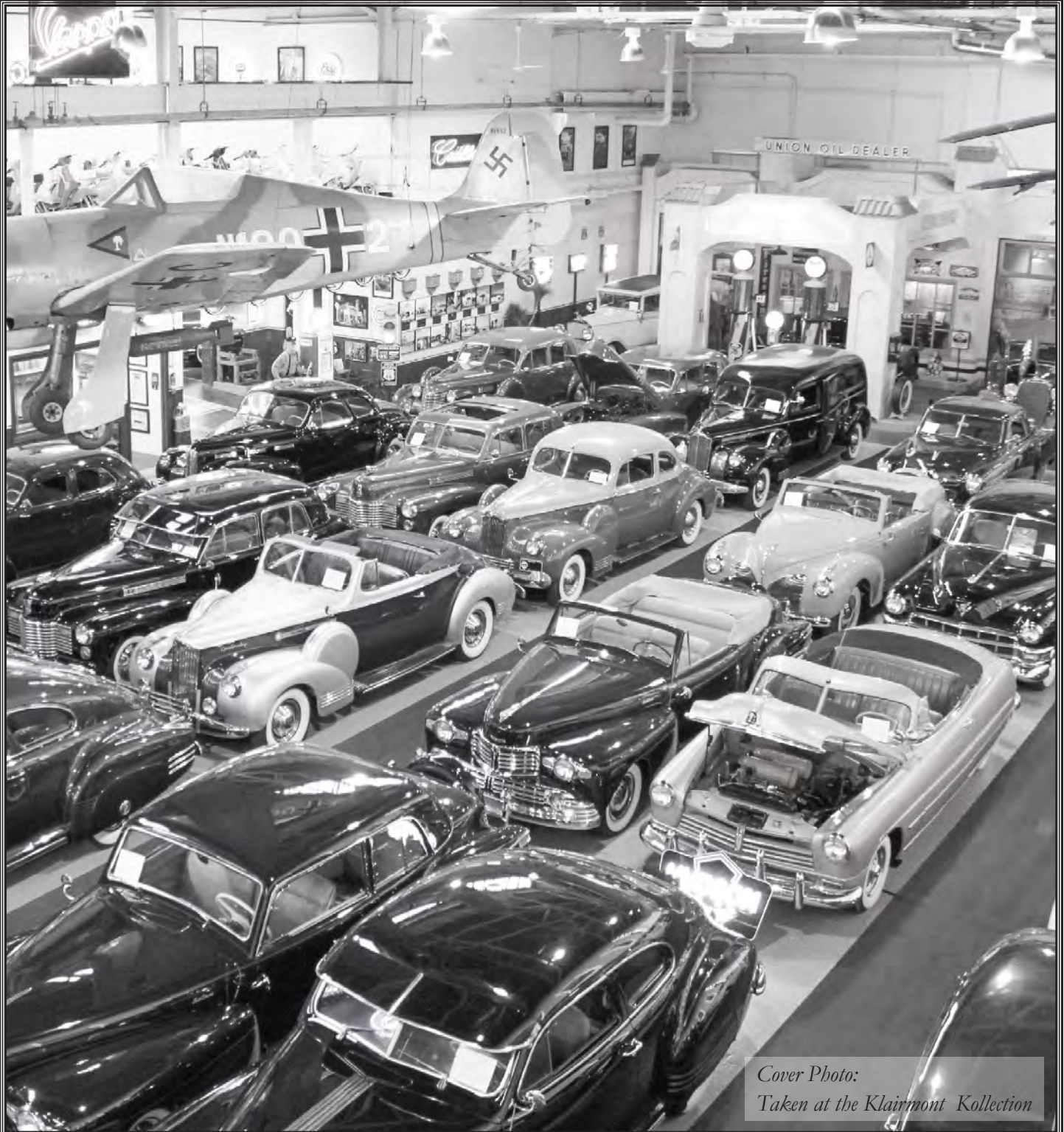
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"Let's go for a ride"

M. Blevins, editor



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Message from the Regional Director

Hello fellow car club members

It's that time again where your new board is busy planning a full schedule of activities for the 2019 season

Before I get into some of the highlights of the schedule I'd like to welcome our three newest board members and announce our board of managers positions.

Tim Heywood joins us as a long time collector along with his father Dennis. He has agreed to take on the board secretary position.

Claude Ohanesian comes to us with a collection growing larger by the day and looks forward to providing us with a solid financial background as he assumes the treasurer position.

Rounding out our cast of new board members is the familiar face of Kim Roberts who has volunteered on many events and will now serve as co-chair of our activity committee with veteran board members Bud Schweppe and Michelle James.

Mary Ellen Thielemann has agreed to stay on another year and help in transitioning our new board members. She will be our new membership chair and look for ways to not only bring in new faces who own classic cars but also look to attract our next generation of car owners with a targeted effort focused on the 20 somethings.

I will continue to serve as your club director with the added assistance of returning managers John Brayton, Bob Starzyk, and Daniel McCarthy.

Together we look forward to working on finding new programs and activities to pique your interest. Tim will get things started with a spring garage tour focused on south side attractions. Stay tuned for details on this.

Of course there will be the 51st annual Oakbrook Father's Day show which we hope will be bigger and better than ever, including a live big band like last year. If only we can control the temperature.

Our annual GIRCCCA/PCA picnic will take place in September this year to give us more assurance of avoiding the excessive heat we've had the last couple of years.

The last thing I'd like to share with you is a new website. I hope you'll find it to be as a grand and exceptional an experience as the rest of us. Through the efforts of Mary Ellen Thielemann, Dave Engler and Stephanie Paso and myself, we've created a premier website for anyone to browse and enjoy. We aim to be the go to website for all things cars in the Chicagoland area and help you plan your car hobby hours. Check out the following and tell us what you think. <http://girccca.com/wp/home/> February will be a busy month so please drop us a line with any ideas of places we can go, things that we can do, or people we should know. Your input is always welcome and appreciated.

Enjoy the ride,

Russ



GIR/CCCA 2019 Events

May 5: GIR Spring Tour

May 31 - June 1: Museum Experience, Hickory Corners, Michigan

Sat June 1 Glen Ellyn 6th annual

June 16: Annual Fathers Day Car Show -- Oakbrook Center Contact Russ Rodriguez for details

July 11-14: Chesapeake Bay Region Grand Classic

September: GIR/POC Picnic

October 18 - 20: Fall Tour

November 17: Annual Dinner

Other Events of Note

February 24: Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance

March 10: Amelia Island, Florida Concours

Sunday, April 7 - Annual AACA Swap Meet - 8am - 1pm. Don McCue Chevy, 2015 E. Main St (Rt. 64), St. Charles, IL For info: Chris Schurrer 815-344-3775 or email: hpdog259962@gmail.com

May 20 - Third Annual Cars & Cops Show - June 9 - CCG, 2500 W. Bradley Place, Chicago, IL 60618

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May 30-June 1 - AACA Annual Grand National - Auburn, IN.

June 9: Elegance at Hershey

July 22 - 27 - Rolls-Royce Owners' Club Annual Meet: Detroit, MI area.

August 4: Milwaukee Concours d'Elegance

August 18: Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance

August 25: Geneva, IL Concours d'elegance

Editor's Corner



Here we are - another New Year ahead of us. How did you all do during the January deep freeze? I had a little problem with a frozen water line, but nothing major and it thawed out just fine. I know your automobiles were well protected, and I hope there were no unfortunate weather related incidents to cause any damage - to you or your cars!

Spring is just around the corner. Let's hope it hurries and we don't get any more arctic weather. It seems like once we turn that corner and get into February, spring seems just a little bit closer, all those concours a little bit closer, all those road trips a little bit more enticing.

Have you made your plans yet for which ones you're going to attend or is there still time to decide? Still time to weigh the pros and cons and deliberate on the merits of one venue over another? Go if you can. Show them when possible. Take them out on the road once in a while. You have works of art in your possession. Share them, and bask in the attention they bring, enjoy your toys. They're worth it.

- Maureen



Meet Kim Roberts

My love for classic cars started only a few short years ago, in 2015 when the late Ed Schoenthaler took me to his automobile museum and shared his beautiful collection of classic cars. I not only fell in love with him but with the cars, too. He introduced me to a world that I didn't know existed and now I'm hooked. I love everything about these cars, they are a work of art that no longer exists.

I was so fortunate to experience and participate in many Concours and shows, including Amelia Island and Pebble Beach. I lost the love of my life but my love for the cars continues. I treasure all of the special friends I have come to know through this wonderful hobby and I am looking forward to being a part of the GIRCCCA board.

Meet Claude Ohanesian

Since I have been a youngster, I have loved and observed cars. I began officially collecting in September 2013 when I bought my first collectible car - a 1957 Ford Thunderbird. Now, 10 cars later, I am fully engulfed by the hobby. It sends me to another time in our history or my history.

My Collection has one common theme—CARS THAT MADE A DIFFERENCE!



Meet Tim Heywood

As a second generation CCA member, and one of the younger members in the GIRCCCA, I was recruited by the other board members to join the board. I have been around the antique and classic car hobby for over 30 years and have run out of gas too many times to remember during that time period. My interests vary from the early brass era, to the classic era and all the way up to the modern era. When it comes to the classic era cars I enjoy the challenge of searching for the correct parts in the restoration of them, and also enjoy tinkering with the cars to keep them up and running.

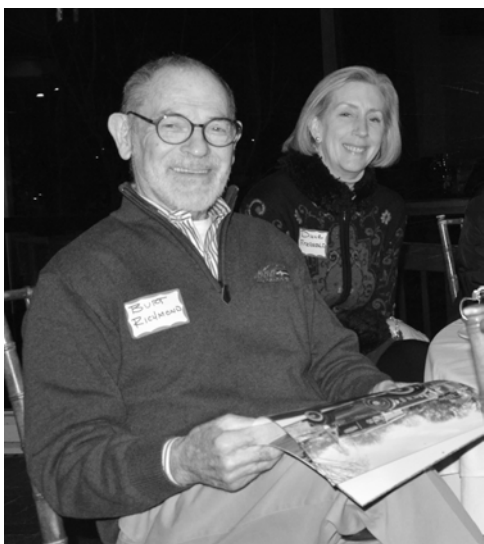
I'm a believer in driving the cars and keeping them on the road. If we can't do that we might as well collect paper weights...

Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner was held on November 18th in Geneva, IL at the Riverside Receptions and Conference Center. There was a nice turnout, lovely ambiance, and good food. Kudos to Mary Ellen Thielemann for her selection and planning. From the violin and guitar duo that greeted us as we walked in the door, to the slide show of selected photos from 2018 events, to the souvenir 2018 Classic Car Calendar featuring cars of GIRCCCA members presented to all attendees, the evening was top notch.



Members & Guests in attendance: Russ Rodriguez, Mary Ellen Thielemann, John Brayton, John & Patt Barrett, Burt Richmond & Diane Fitzgerald, Tom & Ann Kleinschmidt, Reuben & Emily Taylor, Wilma & Bill Morris, Chris Dubon, Paul Safransky & Wayne Jorgensen, Wes Jorgensen, Tom & Jean Roche, Katie Navadomskis & Tim Heywood, Dave Kerr, Maureen Blevins, Kim Roberts, Audrey & Claude Ohanesian, Bud Schweppe, Sally & Steven Styers, Gary & Terri Jensen, Charles & Joan Falk, Cheri & Greg Haack, Sheila & Bob Joynt, Stefanie Passo & Dave Enger



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Honored at this year's event was Bob Joynt who was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his significant contributions to the Classic Car Community.

Bob is a nationally known automotive historian with an encyclopedic knowledge. Involved with automobiles since he was a boy at age 14 he bought his first car, a 1932 Packard, which he still owns. Now retired from the First National Bank of Chicago, he is currently a Trustee of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum in Auburn, IN, a judge at the Pebble Beach Concours, Master of Ceremonies for the Concours d'Elegance of America at St. John's, emcee at the Geneva Concours and a

past Director of GIRCCCA and board member of CCCA. As a volunteer docent with the Chicago Architecture Foundation, Bob can also be found giving architectural walking tours and Chicago River boat tours. Please join us in congratulating Bob for his many contributions.



Julia Bachrach, author, historian, and preservationist gave us an entertaining and informative inside look at the Chicago World's Fair of 1893 through slides and anecdotes.



Also on the program was attorney Ben Nieberger with some solid advice on the importance of including your Classics in your estate planning.

Another pair of special guests were Stefanie Passo and Dave Enger of Detour Inc. a graphic design firm located in St. Charles. Detour is partnering with GIR to revamp and maintain our website. Plans for the updated site are exciting.



We are striving to make it the premier collector car site - the "go to" for all Classic and collector car events and information. Stay tuned!



News and Notes

The Packard Plant bridge over East Grand Boulevard in Detroit, one of the former auto plant's most recognizable features, collapsed onto the road below it on Wednesday, January 23.

Earlier that day some construction crews on the site reported bricks were falling from the bridge. Later in the day however, structural issues continued to mount, and the collapse occurred that afternoon. "We'd seen it leaking a little bit (of water) because it was already damaged a long time ago," a security guard reported. "You'd be scared to be underneath it."

The bridge is a joint property of Arte Express and the city of Detroit. Detroit owns the connected building south of the bridge. Arte Express has been trying to acquire the property under a development agreement.

The Packard Automotive Co. built the plant in 1903, but by 1954 the structure had become obsolete and Packard car production was being done elsewhere. Arte Express Detroit LLC, run by Peru-based developer Fernando Palazuelo bought the plant in a 2013 auction of foreclosed property. An attempted revitalization there is underway.

In summer 2017, Arte Express broke ground on its first phase to resurrect the facility. Today, it now faces foreclosure for hundreds of thousands of dollars in back taxes on the complex, just five years after purchasing it.



First they had Lamborghini's, now police in Dubai have started training on flying motorcycles with a view to introducing the vehicles into service by 2020.

The 253-pound eVTOL can reach a maximum speed of 60 mph & can fly at altitudes of up to 16 feet. Cost per unit is \$150,000.



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