

UP TO SPEED

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Greater Illinois Region/CCCA

<http://GIRCCCA.org>

"Let's go for a ride"

M. Blevins, editor



*1934 Bentley 4-Door Park Ward
Alan and Mary-Alyce Blum*

Message from the Regional Director

Hello fellow members

I am delighted to announce we have our new website up and running again. Through the Herculean efforts of Mary Alyce Blum, she has shepherded the launch of our latest website. For those of you familiar with the old award winning one that Dave Enger put together, you will notice many similarities. The reason the club moved in this direction was we needed more timely updates for our events, archives, and most importantly Car Calendar. We look forward to being the go-to site for finding what's happening any day of the year in the area for car hobbyists. It will be more than just our local club's events posted on this website. It will also contain other car shows and cruise nights that members may find of interest. There will also be a smattering of national events with connections to our Classic Car interests. Please check this out and let me know your thoughts on how we may improve it to meet your needs.

Secondly, I'd like to give a nod to two garage tours we have coming up in close succession. The first is right around the corner on April 2, when we will tour a very unique collection of Mopar's seldom seen, as well as board member Alan Blum's personal collection.

On May 7 we will find ourselves headed west for a driving tour that contains many of our favorite vehicles as we once again have the good fortune of touring another club member's seldom seen personal collection, that of Gus Levisay, and a visit to longtime car hobbyist Ken Nagel Farms collection. I think you'll find both of these events perfectly suited for getting our car juices flowing again and excited about the coming season.

CORDially,
Russ



GIR/CCCA 2022 Events

March 29 - April 2 - CCCA Annual Meeting

Philadelphia, PA

Sunday April 2 - Spring Garage Tour - 9 am start

Sunday April 30 - 10 am - 2 pm - Triton College

Annual Car Show - River Grove, IL

Sunday, May 7 - Annual Spring Tour

Saturday, June 3, 2023 - 8 am - 3 pm "The

Experience" Full Classic Car Show - Gilmore

Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI

June 18 - Annual Father's Day Show - Oakbrook

July 23 - Annual GIRCCCA/POC Picnic -

August 27 - Geneva Concours 10 am - 4 pm

November - Annual Dinner

Other Events of Note

May 7 - Greenbrier Concours

June 3 - Glen Ellyn Car Show

July 8 - Copshaholm Concours

August 20 - Pebble Beach Concours d'elegance

August - September - ACD Festival

September - Concours d'Elegance of America

October - Elegance at Hershey

November - Hilton Head Concours

In Memoriam

Jack Taylor

1928 - 1923

Some of you will remember Jack, as he was at one time, a member of the CCCA and the GIR.

Taylor was a TV news anchor in Chicago for more than 20 years, working alongside Len O'Connor, Harry Volkman and Jack Brickhouse. He went on to do news talk shows and business programs such as "The Wall Street Journal Report" and "The Stock Market Observer" In retirement, he did a weekly segment on the College of DuPage's radio station. Taylor estimated he'd done more than 50,000 interviews throughout his career, including with three presidents and many celebrities.

In Memoriam

Joan LaSpina

January 5, 1940 - February 16, 2023

Our Deepest sympathy goes out to Bob LaSpina on the death of his wife, Joan. Bob and Joan were married 61 years. <https://www.galewoodchapels.com/obituary/joan-laspina>

Editor's Corner



I do hope that the year has been good to you so far. I for one cannot believe how fast it is already going by. But maybe I just have so much to do that it seems there is less time to do it. Although the time is rapidly going by, it still seems like it has been a long winter. We have been extremely lucky to have been bypassed by the big dumps of snow that some regions have had this winter. My daughter in Park City sends me photos of the snow that is up to the middle of her kitchen window!

Scottsdale auction week and concours are on the books, as well Amelia Island and Boca Raton in Florida. Let me know if you were there, as a participant or as a spectator. enjoying the warmer weather and some sunshine. And don't forget to keep me posted if you are entering a show, have received an award, or have a personal achievement or lifetime event you'd like to share. I love to pass on good news!

I have some good news of my own to report. I have published my first book! It's a children's book about birds. Some of you have kindly gotten a copy or two - which is greatly appreciated! It's available in several bookstores, on Amazon, and of course I always carry a few copies with me. It's called *I KNOW That Bird!* So, what do birds have to do with cars? Not much to be honest. Except we all hate when they dirty up our cars.

A few spring flowers are peeking up above ground these days, and I have actually seen one or two old cars on the road, all of which bring a smile to my face and lead to serious thoughts of a road trip. I had an amazing one last Fall, to the Tetons and Yellowstone National Park. It's going to be hard to beat, but I'll try. I still haven't decided where to go, but there are places calling my name. Clearly.

I always look for a car museum when I head out of town - something I can share with all of you, either here in the Up To Speed, or in the Dashboard. I would be happy to share some of your adventures - just drop me a line at maureenblevins@yahoo.com and tell me what you've been up to, car-wise.

~ *Maureen*

p.s. Be sure to get those renewals in! The new Member Directory will be out soon.

IT'S TIME TO RENEW If you have not renewed your GIR membership for the coming year, this may be your last publication. Things happen and we can get sidetracked, or we think we already took care of something that we haven't! So please make sure you've sent in your renewal - We hate to lose any of you!

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GIRCCCA Spring Garage Tour

Date: Sunday, April 2, 2023
Time: 9:00 am
Location 1: Satellite Garage, 220 Laura Drive
Addison, IL 60101 312-961-3968
Coffee and snacks will be provided.
Location 2: Grimsley collection, Addison, IL
Time: 10:30am
Lunch: Schnitzel Platz, 729 North Avenue,
Glendale Heights, IL 60139 630-942-9900
Event fee: \$ 5.00 for members
\$10.00 non-members



We'll begin the day at 9:00 am at the Satellite Garage collection, which ranges from pre-war to modern with an emphasis on British cars. and a collection of NASA artifacts. The Grimsley Collection is 30 cars with the focus on rare high performance car. The Schnitzel Platz is in nearby Glendale Heights.

If you're interested but have not yet signed up, contact Alan: 312-961-3968 or alan@satellite-garage.com

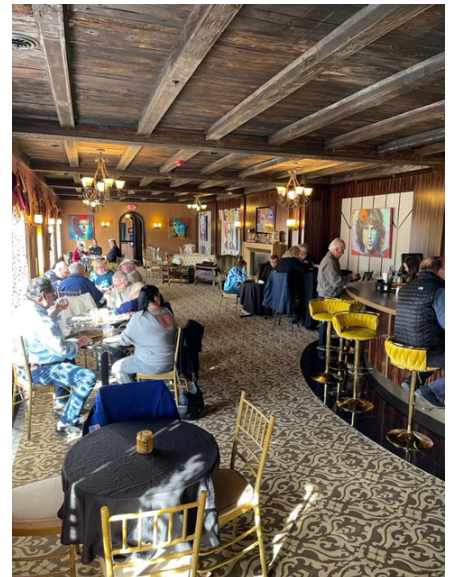
February 19 - Fun at the Arcada

About twenty club members attended a lunch and Elvis Tribute Artist competition hosted at the Arcada Theater in St Charles. The Arcada theater has a rich history, as it was built in 1926 and began as a vaudeville theater.

Lunch was a tasty buffet located in their second-floor event space. We were able to sneak a peak in the third-floor speakeasy restaurant space. After lunch we headed downstairs for the competition.

Elvis tribute artists (aka Elvis Impersonators) came from all over to try to win the title of King of the Windy City, receiving the championship belt. A panel of judges scored on a variety of aspects such as voice, costume etc. The show started with 18 competitors and after a short break, the top 5 finalists were announced. Those 5 competed again, and finally the KING was declared. The winner was Jesse Aron, from Wisconsin and originally Chicago.

It was a fun afternoon to spend time with the club and see something a bit different!



Reviewed by Jamie Smith
Photos by Mary Ellen Thielemann

Board Notes

The Board continues to meet viz Zoom. It seems to result in better attendance. If someone can't make the whole meeting, it's easy to pop in or out for at least part of the time. Consider joining the Board - we can always use your help.

At the January meeting, ideas for upcoming events and tours were presented, and are being looked into. We hope to bring you another good year with some great events. Stay tuned.

Treasurer's Report for 2022

I just completed my first year as treasurer for our club and I'm happy to report we are in great financial shape.

Since we are a not-for-profit club, the board focuses on offering events that are appealing and enjoyable to members, rather than attempting to make a "profit." This is the reason some events are free to members and others are subsidized by the club. The more you participate, the more value (and fun) you enjoy.

Following is a summary of our 2022 financials.

| Checking Account | | Transaction totals | |
|------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 01/01/22 Balance | \$34,506.30 | Total income | \$21,447.20 |
| 12/31/22 Balance | \$36,466.69 | Total expenses | \$19,486.81 |
| 2022 Increase | \$1,960.39 | Net positive | \$1,960.39 |

| Primary Sources of Revenue | |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Oakbrook Show | \$4,899.00 |
| Dues | \$4,345.00 |
| Geneva Commons | \$2,000.00 |
| Advertising income | \$1,450.00 |

Our newsletters and triannual magazines have garnered national recognition for their professional design and quality of reporting. These informative and entertaining publications were our largest expense. The cost to design, print and mail amounted to \$9,495 last year.

Our greatest source of revenue is the Oakbrook Car show on Father's Day. It's a great way for you to support your club while enjoying a festival of classic cars. Please mark your calendars now and plan on participating this year. Another vital source of revenue comes from ads in "The Dashboard" and "Up to Speed". If your business (or that of someone you know) would benefit from reaching out to our membership via these high-caliber publications, please contact Maureen Blevins (maureenblevins@yahoo.com). There may be additional advertising opportunities this year as well since we are looking to publish an updated member directory for 2023 and also considering printing a directory of cars for the Oakbrook show.

Looking forward, I'm currently researching online payment platforms and hope to offer club members the ability to pay for GIRCCCA events by credit/debit card in 2023.

If you have any questions about our club financials, feel free to ask.

Alan Blum, Treasurer

Save the date! Our upcoming Spring Driving Tour will take place on **May 7**, when we will visit two very special collections - that of Ken Nagle and Gus Levisay's collection. In between stops we will have a pleasant drive and a nice lunch. Complete information will be forthcoming as soon as all details are finalized.

GIRCCCA will have a spot for our CLASSICS at the Annual Triton College Car Show on **April 30th**. No pre-registration is necessary, but come on out, show off your beauties, and visit with friends.

Father's Day is **June 18th** and it will be our 55th year for this show at Oakbrook. Registration forms are included with this newsletter. It is always a special day, so be sure and get those forms filled out and turned in. Help is always appreciated with parking, and registration, and manning the information booth. Let's hope for a good weather day - not too hot, and no rain please!

Our new website has a new address - it is now GIRCCCA.org. Stop in and check it out.

News and Notes

1947 Talbot Lago T26 Record Cabriolet, (right) owned by Ray and Bonnie Kinney of Dallas, won Best of Show at the 2023 Arizona Concours d'Elegance. *Photo by Bob Golfen*

Also winning an award was Mark Hyman, of St. Louis taking Best in Class (Class 6: Continuing Development - 1950s "Glamour Coachwork of the Space Age") with a 1961 Ghia L 6.4 Coupe .



A 1935 C25 Aerodyne (left) displayed by Merle and Peter Mullin of Oxnard, CA, drove away with the 2023 Best in Show trophy at the Amelia Island Concours. Only 28 C25s were produced, six of which were Aerodynes. Only four survivors are known to exist. *Photo by Josh Sweeney.*

The Best of Show winner at the 2023 Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance was a magnificent 1937 57S Bugatti Gangloff.

Three Region Grand Classic Hosted by the Indiana Region



July 21-23 | Columbus Indiana | Mill Race Park

The Indiana, Michigan and Ohio Regions are coming together in Columbus, Indiana. This relatively small city is a unique blend of historic but also modern architecture as well as public art. The high number of notable public buildings and public art in the Columbus area, designed by such individuals as Eero Saarinen, I.M. Pei, Robert Venturi, Cesar Pelli, and Richard Meier, led to Columbus earning the nickname "Athens on the Prairie."

Host Hotel Hotel Indigo, 400 Brown St.
Columbus, IN 47201
Ph: 812-375-9100
Rate: \$139.99+ 12% tax

Activity Registration Deadline: June 20, 2023
Registration is \$65 per person with meals optional

Register and pay online at <https://inrccca.org/events/three-region-grand-classic/>

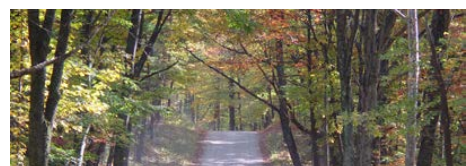
Special Events

Friday Afternoon - Downtown shops, museums, architecture tours and Zaharakos restored Victorian ice cream parlor

Friday night - garden cocktail party/ heavy hors d' oeuvres at Irwin Gardens

Saturday - Cars are displayed around the Round Lake in Mill Race Park

Sunday - Scenic drive through Brown County to rustic Story Inn for brunch



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OAKBROOK CENTER

- + PLEASE ARRIVE BETWEEN 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
- + SORRY, THE CENTER CANNOT ACCEPT CARS AFTER 9:30 AM
- + **PLEASE NOTE:** ALL PARTICIPANTS AGREE TO NOT MOVE THEIR CARS
UNTIL THE MALL CLOSES AT **6:00 P.M.**

THIS IS A RAIN OR SHINE EVENT!

- + PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR REGISTRATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS IS AN
INVITE ONLY EVENT AND SPACE IS EXTREMELY LIMITED.
- + PRIORITY IS GIVEN TO CARS THAT ARE FULL CLASSICS AS RECOGNIZED BY
CCCA IN SHOW CONDITION AND WHO ARE MEMBERS OF GIR CCCA.
- + WAITING LIST ENTRIES WILL BE CONSIDERED AFTER MAY 31, 2023
- THERE IS A \$30 ENTRY FEE FOR NON GIRCCA MEMBERS
- WE WILL HAVE A 18 PIECE BIG BAND PERFORM 1PM -2PM

OFFICIAL GIRCCCA OAKBROOK REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____@_____

CCCA Member?

Yes ☐ No, but I would like to join. Please send me info. ☐

Year:: _____

Model: _____

Body: _____

I would like to help park cars! Yes ☐ No ☐

I accept and assume full liability for any injury or loss to my property or me at any time and from any cause while on the premises of the show. I expressly release the Classic Car Club of America and the Greater Illinois Region, their board, officers, and Urban Retail properties from any liability for such loss or injury and agree to provide and pay for my own insurance

Insurance Carrier: _____ Policy No: _____

Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please complete this form and mail by **May 22, 2023** to:
OAKBROOK FATHER DAY CAR SHOW, P.O. Box 55, Itasca IL. 60143
Questions: Russ Rodriguez - 630.767.9000 E-mail: russ@girccca.com



P.O. Box 55
Itasca, IL 60143

Annual Oakbrook Fathers Day Show June 18, 2023



Annual Advertising Rates

Dashboard

**Glossy full color magazine published 3x yearly
(April, Aug, Dec)**

| | |
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| Full Page | \$750 |
| 1/2 page | \$400 |
| 1/4 page | \$300 |
| Business Card | \$100 |

Up To Speed Black & White Newsletter

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|---------------|-------|
| 1/2 page | \$300 |
| 1/4 page | \$200 |
| Business Card | \$150 |

Combined Annual Rates

| | |
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| Full page | \$950 |
| 1/2 page | \$600 |
| 1/4 page | \$400 |

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