

# *UP TO SPEED*

June 2023

*Greater Illinois Region/CCCA*

*<http://GIRCCCA.org>*

*"Let's go for a ride"*

*M. Blevins, editor*



## Message from the Regional Director

Hello fellow club members

It's now just a few weeks past our largest event of the year. That of course being our Father's Day Oakbrook Car Show. It's wonderful to be part of such a long lasting tradition. I can't tell you the number of participants and attendees that reach out and always remind me how much they enjoyed the show. But like anything else, things change, and I'm afraid we're undergoing some type of larger change in the car hobby.

There was a time when it was commonplace to turn away many applicants because their cars were not up to our high standards, or there was already an entry that would make theirs a duplicate. There was a time when the majority of the show was comprised of certified classics as identified by our club. Sadly, regardless of how hard I try, it's not that way any more. In order to continue our tradition of curating a show which addresses current tastes and interests, it's become harder and harder to get car people to commit to Father's Day or the long hours associated with it. Trust me when I say I know it's a commitment of time, but your time aids in giving attendees something unique and special that they can't achieve at just any Cruise In.

There is also another very important need on the club's behalf. We no longer enjoy the financial sponsorships at the level we once enjoyed; therefore, we rely heavily on the donation made by Oakbrook Center to sustain our club and specifically underwrite the publication costs. Without your help, I'm afraid we may be looking at losing something very valuable to our club. Please consider what you can offer next year when registration opens up. I'll be looking for not only your beautiful cars, but perhaps some volunteer time to help continue this great tradition. Each and every one of you contributes something. I want you to know for the sake of future generations we're all very appreciative.



CORDially,  
**Russ**

## GIR/CCCA 2022 Events

**July 16 - Annual GIRCCCA/POC Picnic -**

**Fabyan Preserve (details in this newsletter)**

**August 27 - Geneva Concours 10 am - 4 pm**

**October (dates to be determined) - Fall Tour**

**November 12 - Annual Dinner**

## Other Events of Note

**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

Wally Ruppert

August 30, 1940 - March 1, 2023



Wally was a truly exceptional person. He was a very successful building contractor, played the bag pipe, flew his own airplanes and actually restored his own antique cars. All this and he was also a very kind, thoughtful person as well.

He was a perfectionist in all that he did. He ended his career as a builder installing \$500,000 kitchens in the condos of very discerning wealthy people on North Lake Shore Drive. His last big project was the restoration of an E-Type Jaguar roadster.

He will be greatly missed.

Our sympathy and prayers go out to his wife and family at this sad time.

Happy Motoring Wally!

- Dave Taylor





## Editor's Corner



I was saddened to hear the news about Wally Ruppert. He always had a friendly smile and time for a chat. The last time I saw him was at the 2022 Oakbrook Father's Day Show, with his daughter.

I saw a lot of people at this year's show, but, sorry to say, I didn't get a chance to talk to them all. Sometimes I spotted them across the crowd as I was going one way and they were going another. Other times, I was trying to get a photo and by the time I turned around, they had moved on and were lost in the crowd. It was nice talking to those I did get the chance to visit with, even for just a few minutes, and for those I missed - I hope we get the chance to say hello soon. Perhaps at the picnic. That is

always a good place to sit and chat. Let's hope the smoke from those Canadian fires has dissipated by then! I'm sure there will be enough smoke coming from the grill when those chefs get it fired up.

I'm sure many of us have been on a picnic or two already, what with the Fourth of July, graduation parties, and reunions all being perfect opportunities for those outdoor gatherings. And I'm sure we're all fitting in as many car shows as we can during these warm months. I hope you all got to see a great fireworks display over the holiday. I got to see a couple of them. An evening in the park listening to music followed by fireworks is a good time for me. I do love those sparkly aerial displays.

Summer is cool cars and picnics. Don't you agree?

~ *Maureen*

p.s. Full coverage of the Oakbrook show will be in the upcoming Dashboard.

## BOARD NOTES

As stated in previous newsletters, the **UpToSpeed** is going electronic. (Those few who do not have email will still continue to get copies mailed to them.) Please add GIRCCCA and Info@girccca.org to your "safe" list. Please check your spam folder, as it may end up there until you add GIRCCCA and Info@girccca.org to your "safe" list.

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# 2023 ANNUAL PICNIC

## Sunday, JULY 16

Who: Members of GIRCCCA and the Packard Club

What: Annual Picnic

Where: Fabyan Preserve. Enter the Fabyan Preserve on RT. 31  
Signs will direct you to club parking.

When: Sunday, July 16 11 am - 2 pm

Cost: Bring a dish to pass.

Please note: Alcohol is NOT allowed in the preserve.

This is a FREE event! Hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks and water will be provided.  
However we do need a head count to know how much to order.

**PLEASE RSVP by July 13**

We have reserved the pavilion as usual, with its picnic tables but feel free to bring a comfy chair

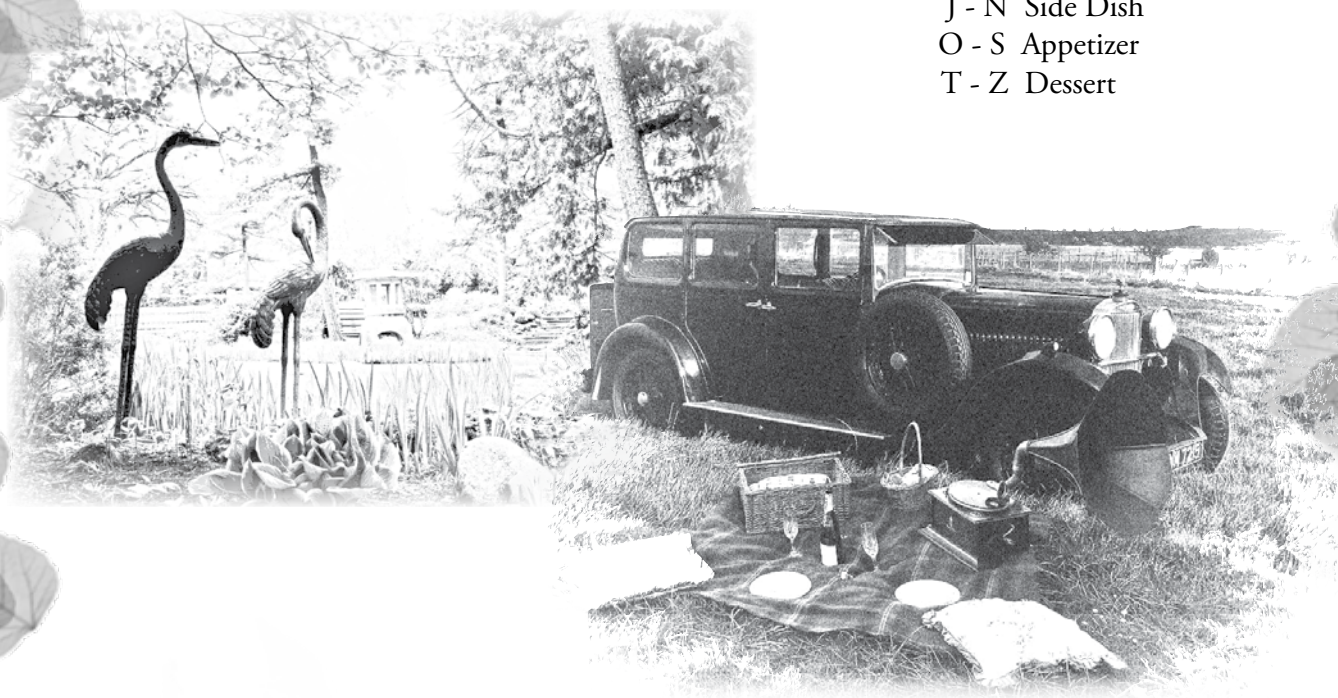
Suggested items to bring: What's your specialty dish?

If your last name begins with A - I Salad

J - N Side Dish

O - S Appetizer

T - Z Dessert



**RSVP: Russ Rodriguez 630-767-9000 or [Russ@girccca.org](mailto:Russ@girccca.org)**

NOTE: If you are a member of BOTH Clubs do NOT register twice.  
RSVP to either club, but please be sure to register only once!

*See you there!*

## News and Notes

### More Awards for George Hansen

Contributed by Gary Gerstner

George Hansen is too modest to boast about awards his cars receive but last November at the Muscle Car And Corvette Nationals, Bob Ashton named him "Illinois Collector of the Year 2022".

The awards were delivered too late to be given in front of the crowd so the show mailed it to George. I took the attached pic for the show to put in their archive.

Way to go George!



**"Enthusiast of the Year 2022" ...George Hansen !**

### Tech Force Awards

June 20, 2023 – PHOENIX — Eighteen-year-old Riley Schlick-Trask will enter college this fall with more than high hopes for a great education. She'll also have the support of professional technicians and leading mobility/transportation industry organizations across North America as Grand Prize Winner of the TechForce Foundation® 2023 Techs Rock Awards.

Riley at age 13 began restoring carburetors to earn money to eventually purchase her first car. Her business took off when she turned to social media to find parts to meet her clients' needs. Since then, she has been featured in more than 50 publications, appeared on local and national television, and built an online following of likeminded young people. "Riley is using this opportunity and her brand...to inspire a host of other young women to see this industry as one of growing opportunity and incredible support," wrote her Techs Rock Awards nominator.

The Barrier Buster category recognizes technicians for showing heart and passion in overcoming obstacles to succeed.

The 2023 die Hard Category Winner from the Chicago area was Bryan Kuehni, World Class Technician, Advantage Chevrolet Bolingbrook. The Die Hard category recognizes industry superfans who live, breathe, sleep, and thrive in their career.

### Is Bring a Trailer Legit?

by Chuck Derer

*Bring a Trailer* is legit, but that doesn't guarantee it's safe. It aims to be as transparent as possible, asking sellers for documents, maintenance records, photos and videos before listing a vehicle. Buyers and sellers can communicate during the auction process, and buyers can request an inspection. However, purchase transactions (except for the buyer's fee) take place exclusively between buyers and sellers, and *Bring a Trailer* doesn't guarantee the authenticity or condition of the vehicles listed on its site.

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## Making People Happy

The club was invited to bring a few cars over to the Wyndemere Senior Living Community in Wheaton, IL in April. Several members obliged by bringing out their vintage or special vehicles for a couple of hours. Club members participating were Gary Gerstner, Alan Blum, Dennis Sobieski, Bud Schweppe, and Russ Rodriguez.

It was a nice turnout of residents happy to have the opportunity to get 'up close and personal' with these cars and chat with the owners. For some, there were nostalgic memories to be had and shared.

It was a great opportunity not necessarily to promote the club, but to bring some fun and joy to those who attended. Thanks to all who participate and special thanks to Russ Rodriguez and Bud Schweppe for organizing the event!







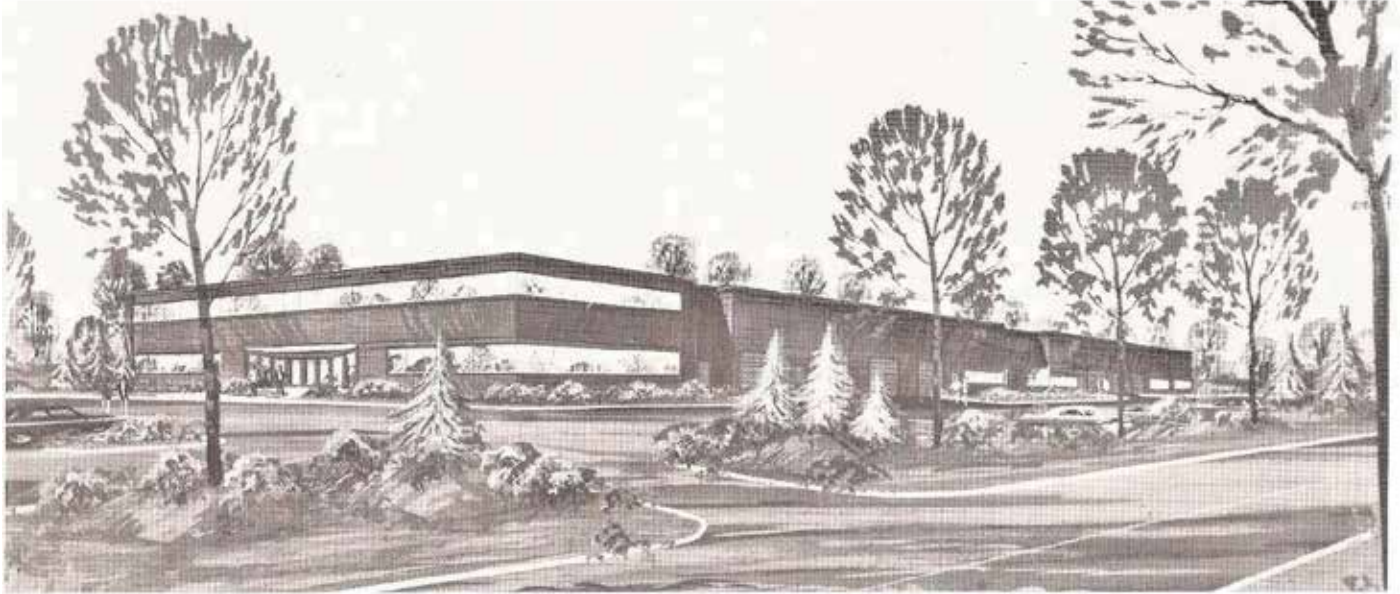


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Only certain models of some vehicles built during 1915 through 1948 are recognized as CCCA Classics: Be sure to check the list of recognized cars to see if all models of a particular marque are accepted as Full Classic cars. Application may be made for Full Classic consideration by applying to the National CCCA Classification committee.

Check out the complete list at <https://www.classiccarclub.org/approved-classics>

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