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July/August 2015

Greater Illinois Region/CCCA

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"Let's go for a ride"

M. Blevins, editor



Message from the Regional Director

I compose this message to you as we are in the final preparations of our biggest car event of the year. I've enjoyed the honor of coordinating the Father's Day car show at the Oakbrook shopping center for over 10 years. Many preceded me in the 47 years this "must go to show " has been in existence.

What's really special about this show is that not only do we get the chance to see some of the rarest and most interesting cars in the world, we get to see these sculptures displayed in a beautiful setting surrounded by flower gardens and fountains. I hope anyone who fancies cars finds the time to stop by this car extravaganza and take in some of the most beautiful works of art you will ever see on wheels.

I would be remiss if I did not say how grateful we are for all of those car owners who dedicate a day put aside to celebrate fathers so they can share their hobbies with the public at large. This event sees tens of thousands of visitors every year and is the highest traffic day for the mall.



GIRCCCA is lucky to have so many selfless car owners and a dedicated group of volunteers willing to put this on every year. To say thank you doesn't seem to be nearly enough but it means everything to those who make it a priority to marvel at these magnificent historic machines.

Now here's to another day of great weather!

Cordially, *Russ Rodriguez*,
GIRCCCA Regional Director

YOU DON'T HAVE TO OWN A CLASSIC CAR

to be a member of The Classic Car Club! All you need is an appreciation for these fine automobiles. We encourage everyone to join us on our tours and events. Not everyone owns a Classic, but everyone can join the fun!

Welcome to our newest club membersMason Maynard and Rick Burgemeister

GIRCCCA 2015 Events

July 19 - Annual Picnic - Cantigny Park - 3 pm Combined outing with the Packard Club - See Inside for Details and Registration. Please join us - We promise no ants!

August 1 - Arlington Park Race Track - Motors and Music - A story of the decades as told by cars and music. Classic & Luxury Cars on display. Live bands performing throughout the park. Come one! Come all!

Aug. 30 - Hagerty Youth program - Details to be announced

November 8 - Annual Dinner - Arlington Park
Details to be announced

Other Events of Note

July 11, 2015 - Grand Classic - Dearborn, MI Michigan Region CCCA at the historic Dearborn Inn

July 19, 2015 - Grand Classic - Portland, OR Oregon Region CCCA (in conjunction with the Forest Grove Concours d'Elegance)

July 25, 2015 - Grand Classic - Baltimore, MD Chesapeake Bay Region CCCA at Turf Valley Resort

August 5 - 9 - National Lincoln Mid America Meet held by all four sponsoring Lincoln Clubs, LOC, LZOC, RRLR and hosted by LCOC, Meet registration is open to all Lincoln Club member. Any Lincoln owner is invited to register and attend this event at the Gilmore Car Museum, at the new Lincoln Motor Car Museum, 6865 W Hickory Rd, Hickory Corners, MI To Register call Bonnie Furtado at 978-433-5886 or Bob Johnson at 651-257-1715

August 23, 2015 - Geneva Concours, Geneva, IL Featured will be cars orphaned when their manufacturers went out of business, Jaguars, Police Cars and Race Cars built in 1955 or earlier. For info call 630-584-3107



Donald Wright



Don Wright passed away on Thursday, June 4. 2015 after a long illness. He was 74. Not only was Don a longtime car enthusiast and CCCA member, he served as editor of the Dashboard for many years. Don is survived by his wife, children, and grandchildren.



Editor's Corner



With the annual Oakbrook car show behind us in June and the annual members picnic coming up in July, we know summer is in full swing! There have been a number of opportunities to roll those Classic wheels out of the garage - when it wasn't raining that is. It seems to me this is a very wet summer.

Rain or shine, it's always fun to get out and have some fun or experience something new. If you didn't get to Guys Day Out last year at Arlington, I hope you can make

it this year. The park itself is just that - a park. You can sit on the lawn with a lemonade and watch the horses race by or you

can sit in the stands with something more potent and watch the horses go by. Either way, you'll have fun.

It may not be the Kentucky Derby, but ladies - this is your chance to go for the wide brimmed floral masterpiece; and guys - if you have a straw 'boater' or a Panama hat, you'll never have a better opportunity to wear it than on August 1st at Arlington. I can't wait to see what cars will turn out this year. With the theme of Motors and Music I hope my dance partner shows up!

Maureen



Mechanical Hobbyhorses Race on Boardwalk

RACING hobbyhorses have made their appearance in competitions upon the boardwalk at the seashore resort of Atlantic City, N. J. Propelled by foot ing horse.

From the Membership Desk

We are in the process of updating the Membership Directory. We would like to include photos of our members' cars. If you would like your car included, please email a photo of your car(s) to k44kathy@cs.com.

You might like a CCCA/GIR magnetic name badge for events like the Fathers Day Car Show, Arlington or any of our other upcoming events. They are \$16.00.

Please email the exact name you would like on the badge to the above email or send the name(s) to Kathy Eckhart, 647 Darien Court, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169.

The badges will be mailed to you.

JUST A REMINDER

IF YOU MOVE please don't forget to let us know what your new address is! We would like you to continue to receive your newsletters, magazines, and event invitations without interruption.

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Annual Fathers Day Car Show - June 21, 2015

The club's Annual Classic Car Show was held once again at beautiful Oakbrook center. Over 100 cars braved the unpromising morning skies and were rewarded as the clouds disappeared and it turned into a beautiful, sunny day. Volunteers showed up bright and early to check participants in and help park cars. Many thanks to each and every

1963 Thunderbird once owned by Princess Grace & Prince Rainier of Monaco.

Owner: Anthony Di Tussa

one of you! As always there was a wonderful assortment of stunning Classics, some gorgeous cars from the 1950's and '60's, high end sports cars and some one-of-a-kind vehicles.

This year, for the first time, vintage motorcycles were admitted. In other words there was something for everyone. There were even a few 'celebrities' on hand, All in all, it was a great day!













Annual Fathers Day Car Show - June 21, 2015

Spending the day with dad:
Al Hiller and son,
Tony and Al Sikora,
Amy Kovacevic and dad, Paul TerHorst family, Charles
Falk, son Keith and grandchildren



















Ramapo, NJ Concours d'elegance contributed by Charles Falk

When my wife Joan and I were visiting our daughter and her family in Northern New Jersey, it was a happy coincidence we were there at the same time the "Ramapo Concours d'Elegance" would take place nearby.

Featuring classic and collectible vehicles from 1900 to 2000, the Concours was held June 5-7, 2015 on the campus of Ramapo College of New Jersey in the Bergen County suburb of Mahwah. The campus, set in the majestic foothills of the Ramapo Mountains, provided a great backdrop for the great cars. The Concours is a charity event aimed to benefit the college and the nearby Hackensack Medical University Foundation.

Display and judging was held on Saturday, the 6^{th} . The day began with rain. We arrived on-site about noon and found a smaller number of cars than we expected—about 70. I attributed the small number to hobbyists being scared off by the weather - and there was some of that - but the day turned out to be sunny, breezy, and most pleasant. I later learned that this was an inaugural event. That news shifted my view toward thinking that the turn-out was great for a first-time concours on what could have been a totally bad weather day.

Cars were presented and judged in ten classes. There was a heavy concentration of British cars, many T-Birds, Benz's, Porsches, VW's, a few Ferraris and even several minis. While there may have been others, the only CCCA "Full Classic" I could identify was a 1927 Lincoln limousine that had once been owned by a Rockefeller. It ultimately, and deservedly, won the "Best of Show" award.

A local dealer provided several high-end Lambos, BMWs, and other luxury marques to view if visitors tired of viewing the vintage cars. In all, this was a well-thought-out and enjoyable event in a great setting.

I hope our next visit to New Jersey might also coincide with the 2nd Ramapo Concours d'Elegance.

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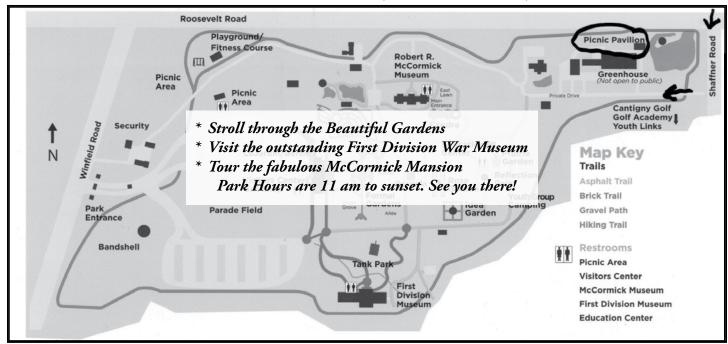
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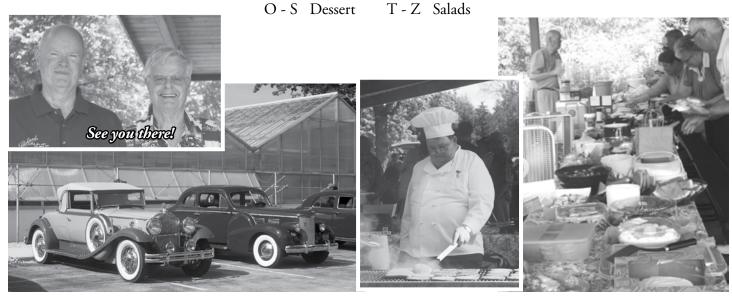
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Trivia

The first known automobile race in the U.S. was held in Chicago. On July 10, 1895, the Chicago Times-Herald announced the race with a prize of \$5,000 as an attempt to foster growth of the young auto industry in the U.S. and boost newspaper sales.

The course was supposed to run from Chicago to Milwaukee but the roads were so poor the course was changed to Evanston and back (54 miles). Intended to be held on Nov. 2nd, few cars showed up and the race was rescheduled. 83 cars entered the race, but only six arrived for the actual competition. Two drivers were stopped by police while driving their cars into the city and forced to requisition horses to pull them... as the police informed them they had no right to drive their vehicles on the city streets. The race was again postponed while city leaders passed an ordinance to confirm the right of these vehicles to travel on city streets.

Finally held Nov. 28th, Thanksgiving Day, three Benz cars ran in the race. The only other four-wheeled car was Charles Duryea's motorized wagon. There were two two-wheeled automobiles and one electric-powered vehicle, but its battery died due to the cold weather. The Duryea took first place, completing the race after seven hours and fifty-three minutes, having traveled an average of 7 mph.



Cover Photo

Two Classics belonging to the late Seymour Persky, longtime CCCA member, draw admirers at the Annual 2015 Classic Car Show at Oakbrook Center.



Abby Persky, Seymour Persky's daughter sits on the running board of one of his two 1932 Chrysler Imperials at the show.

We sincerely appreciate Abby's efforts to have these wonderful cars be part of our Oakbrook event!

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