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Greater Illinois Region/CCCA
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"Let's go for a ride"

M. Blevins, editor

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*Ed and Judy Schoenthaler enjoy touring
in their 1935 Auburn 851 Phaeton*

Message from the Regional Director

The fall leaves are turning, bringing another year to an end. We thank Bill Hexamer and Dan & Darlene Sobczyk for our recent Fall Tour with lunch at Starved Rock Lodge and a beautiful drive along the Illinois River. The tour of the Caterpillar Showroom/Museum, The Wheels of Time Museum and an elegant dinner at the Peoria Country Club were all highlights!

Our last event of the year is our Annual Meeting (see flyer). Jean and I were fortunate enough to see this mansion on our Re-Discover America Tour and can assure you you don't want to miss this one.

Part of our meeting is election of Officers. We are fortunate to have 2 members step forward to be on the Board of Directors and are always looking for new talent.

I am saddened to inform you of the passing of Connie Sobieski. She was a longtime member whom I will deeply miss at CCCA activities.

Tom Roche,
GIRCCCA
Regional Director



We extend sincere condolences

to Dennis Sobiesky whose wife Connie passed away in September. Connie was a longtime and very active member of CCCA and GIRCCCA. Together they attended many Classic Car Shows throughout the US, including Pebble Beach.

Connie will be remembered for her smile and kind, loving, motherly personality and wonderful attitude. I will always remember her on her scooter with her basket decorated with all the pins from the various shows she had attended. She was also a tabulator at many of them.

I am sure we all have fond memories of Connie and will miss her deeply.

Tom Roche

Connie Sobiesky 7-73-1941 to 9-27-2013

GIRCCCA 2013 Events

Sunday, November 10 Annual Dinner

Driehaus Mansion, Osteria via Stato

Bob & Sheila Joynt/Tom Roche

GIRCCCA 2014 Events

February Annual Valentine Dinner

Drury Lane - Young Frankenstein

Details TBA

Stay Tuned! The board is currently working on putting together some super events for the coming year.

Other Events of Note

January 12, 2014 Arizona Concours d'Elegance Arizona Biltmore, Phoenix

<http://arizonaconcours.com>

Arizona Auction Week, a premiere Arizona event for 20 years, kicks off with a brand new, world-class Concours d'Elegance to be held at the beautiful Frank Lloyd Wright inspired-Arizona Biltmore in Phoenix. 75 to 100 entries are expected vie for awards in this highly anticipated inaugural event. Participants have until November 15 to register. Tickets are available to the public. Thousands of people turn out each year to sell, buy, or just admire the hundreds of automobiles which are put up for sale at auctions held at various venues throughout the Scottsdale area.



Greater Illinois Region Welcomes New Members

George W. Petecki, Jr., Todd Powelaon, James Thorp and Scott Beaver.

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events!

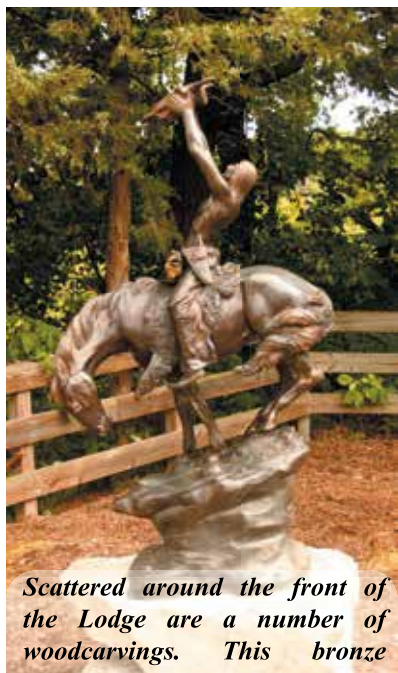
2013 Fall Tour

Although the morning was overcast, the called-for rain in the forecast did not materialize, which made the Annual Fall Tour just a little more relaxing for everyone. Four members brought out their antique rides, turning heads wherever they went; Bob and Sheila Joynt rode down in a blue 1932 Packard, Reuben and Emily Taylor toured in a 1948 Mercury, Tom and Jean Roche drove their green 1940 LaSalle Sedan and Ed and Judy Schoenthaler brought out their 1935 Auburn 851 Phaeton.

First stop was Starved Rock State Park in Utica, IL. for lunch at the Lodge which was built in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps. On a personal note, one of my uncles helped build the fireplace that dominates the main hall. The park is well known for it's canyons, hiking trails, and 'The Rock' which gives the Park it's name. Tom and Jean worked up an appetite climbing to the top for some great views of the park and the river.

After lunch the tour headed further along the Illinois River Road to Peoria, IL. The colors had not yet turned, but bits of golds, oranges, and reds dotted the greens in the park and throughout the drive.

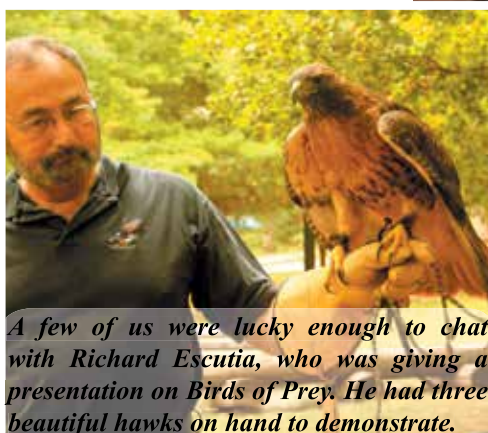
Saturday's stops included the Caterpillar Visitor Center, an impromptu visit to the Duryea exhibit at the Peoria Riverfront Museum, and the Wheels O' Time Museum.



Scattered around the front of the Lodge are a number of woodcarvings. This bronze sculpture is just outside the dining room on the overlook.



Duryea Motor Trap, 1898



A few of us were lucky enough to chat with Richard Escutia, who was giving a presentation on Birds of Prey. He had three beautiful hawks on hand to demonstrate.



Learning to drive a Big Cat in the simulator

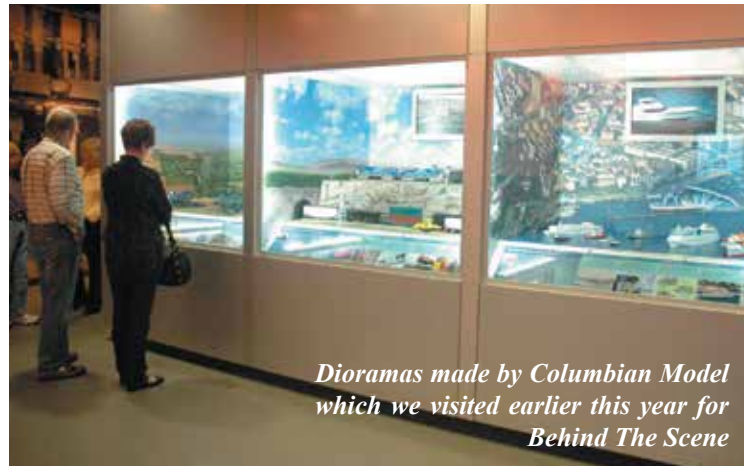


Of course there has to be a group shot!





Wouldn't want to have to change those tires!



Dioramas made by Columbian Model which we visited earlier this year for Behind The Scene

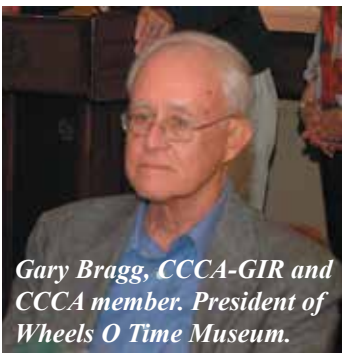


At the Wheels O Time Museum



Everyone was impressed with the elegant and historic Peoria Country Club, established in 1897- one of the first in the nation. Perched on a bluff it affords some panoramic views of the Illinois River.

Bill provided unique centerpieces for the tables in the form of hood ornaments from his extensive collection. He has between 150 and 200 of them. Among those he brought to display at the dinner were hood ornaments from a 1932 Packard, a 1959 Russian Volga, a 1930's era Rolls Royce, and a 1957 Nash Petty Girl Ornament signed by Petty and the Petty Girl Artist. Pretty Impressive!



Gary Bragg, CCCA-GIR and CCCA member. President of Wheels O Time Museum.



Bill Trent, Board Member Wheels O Time Museum



Bill Hexamer and Dan Sobczyk did a great job putting together an excellent tour. Many thanks and much appreciation for a job well done!



Ride With Chuck



Our previous editor, Chuck Derer, has his own You Tube video channel - 'Rides With Chuck'. He periodically interviews owners of unusual vehicles - planes, zeppelins, tractors, Classic and unusual automobiles and often takes us 'for a ride'. It's a fun, entertaining and often informative video. Check it out!

<http://www.youtube.com/user/RideswithChuck>

A while back he did a segment with Ed Schoenthaler, going for a ride in that Auburn Phaeton on the cover. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zj_sI5E-DRY



*1932 Packard
Bob and Sheila Joynt*



*1940 LaSalle Sedan
Tom and Jean Roche*

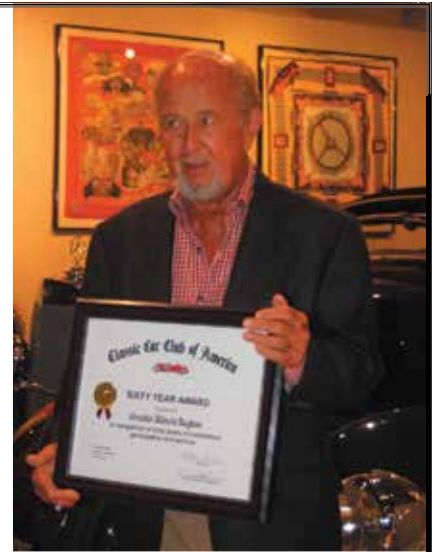


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CCCA Award Finds Permanent Home

Board Members presented the CCCA 60 Year Award to Joe Cantore at the September meeting. Mr. Cantore, who generously furnishes the club with a meeting space, will display the award for the club in a prominent place among other awards and Classic memorabilia.



From Mansion to Museum

Prior to our annual dinner on November 10th we will tour the historic 19th Century mansion of Samuel M. Nickerson, now known as the ***Driehaus Museum***. It promises to be a fascinating tour!

Nickerson made his money in the wholesale liquor business, later becoming a prominent figure in the banking industry. Built in 1883 the three-story, 24,000 square-foot house was reported to be the largest and most extravagant private residence in Chicago at the time, a distinction lost to the Palmer Mansion several years later. On his retirement, he sold the house. At one time it housed the headquarters of the American College of Surgeons and was acquired by Chicago businessman Richard Driehaus in 2003.



After a careful 5 year restoration of both the interior and exterior, it won a Chicago Landmark Award for Preservation Excellence in 2008.

A showcase for late 19th - 20th century art and design, the mansion is tastefully decorated with furnishings from the period between the Civil and First World Wars.

WTTW recently ran a special on the Museum saying “one thing about the functional design of the Nickerson home: it must be seen to be believed.... A new show of art intoxicates the senses in a rich - very rich – setting of a Gilded Age palace packed with paintings, antiques and marble.” In fact, 17 types of marble decorate the interior, earning it the nickname ‘The Marble Palace’.

The current exhibit *Louis Comfort Tiffany - Treasures From the Driehaus Museum* is the *crème de la crème* of 60 pieces chosen from over 1,500 pieces in the private collection.



**** The mansion is wheel-chair accessible should you need it**

GIR/CCCA's ANNUAL MEETING -- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10th

We will begin the day at the **Driehaus Museum** (the restored late 19th Century mansion of Samuel M. Nickerson) at 40 E. Erie Street and then walk 2 blocks for a delicious midday meal at **Osteria via Stato** at 620 N. State Street...all just a few blocks from the "Magnificent Mile". (Discounted parking available.**)

The Driehaus Museum is one of the grandest residential homes of 19th Century Chicago. Samuel M. Nickerson, a prominent Chicago banker, spared no expense to build his beautiful home. As we walk through the magnificent interiors, you can almost imagine life during the "Gilded Age".

The Nickerson Mansion was meticulously restored and preserved by collector, philanthropist and preservationist, Richard Driehaus. Today, the museum's historic rooms feature surviving furnishings combined with historically appropriate pieces from Mr. Driehaus' collection of Fine and Decorative Arts of the late 19th and early 20th Century. A special feature on display will be 60 stunning pieces from Mr. Driehaus' extensive Tiffany collection including outstanding examples of Tiffany windows, lamps, vases and accessories.



Where and When: THE DRIEHAUS MUSEUM -- 10:00AM, NOVEMBER 10

40 E. Erie St, Chicago
(between Rush St and Wabash Ave)

****Discounted Parking: ROW Self Park** (2 blocks south of Museum)

50 E. Ohio St, Chicago
(Entrances accessible from Rush Street and Ohio Street)

****Be sure to have your parking ticket validated before you leave the Museum -- \$12.00**

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 2, 2013

Tour and lunch: \$ 50.00 per person

Participants _____ X \$50.00 = \$ _____

NAMES: _____

Send Reservation and check* to: Sheila Joynt, 1 S. 808 Deerpath Rd, Batavia, IL 60510

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Editor's Corner



Seeing all of the wonderful automobiles that the membership of this club enjoys has me perusing ads in search of one of my own. I've enjoyed driving a few 'old' cars in my life and miss having one. The thing I like best about them? The smell. There is something special about that 'old car smell' - it's even better than that 'new car smell'!

I stopped to look over an old Ford the other day that had a For Sale sign posted on it's windshield and I could smell the interior even before I opened the door! I just closed my eyes and breathed deep. I'm not sure where that unique smell transports me, but it does! We have only one club activity remaining for this year - the Annual Dinner. Please join us! The Joynts have put together a very special day It will be a feast for the senses.

Maureen



Two of the mounted Hood Ornaments from Bill Hexamer's extensive collection.



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