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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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Message from the Regional Director

Even though the thermometer tells us it's winter it doesn't mean that things aren't heating up for a year full of great activities.

We had a wonderful outing last month when we met at the Driehaus collection for a private tour and lunch. It's been over two years since they've opened the door to tours. We teamed up with the Packard club of Chicago and played host to over 150 members and guests. Not a bad start to 2015.

I also would like to encourage you to submit a photo of your favorite car or two to be published in our members directory. We will also offer the same opportunities online. Don't worry, this information will be passcode protected.

By the time you read this we will have enjoyed our second activity of the year; a brunch and play. This year it's West Side Story which is garnering much praise from the theater community. It should be a great show.



In March we have a behind the scenes tour featuring a visit to the Knauz collection and the Pyramid House and as is our fashion, we will be capping this event off with a brunch buffet.

So don't let the weather get you down. There's plenty to look forward to this year.

I hope you are taking the time to check out the calendar and find some things that will put a smile on your face.

Cordially,

Russ Rodriguez,
GIRCCCA Regional Director

New Website

The Greater Illinois Region now has it's own website. Please do check it out! girccca.wix.com/dashboard
Direct comments, suggestion or questions to our web editor John Brayton at johns1936chevy@aol.com

p.s. John and his fiancee Dawn tied the knot on February 27th in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Welcome to our newest club member
Alan Nowaczyk

GIRCCCA 2015 Events

March 29 - GIRCCCA/POC - Combined Outing
10 am Knauz Auto Park, Gold Pyramid house, Savanna House Restaurant for brunch.

Please **RSVP by March 22.** **Sign up Sheet enclosed**

June 21 - Oak Brook Fathers Day Car Show

July 19 - Annual Picnic - Cantigny Park

August 1 - Arlington Park Race Track - Car Show

Note: This show will be INVITATION ONLY

2015 Events of Note

May 2 - Pinehurst Concours d'Elegance

Pinehurst Resort Pinehurst, North Carolina

May 2 - 3 - Keels & Wheels Concours d'Elegance

Lakewood Yacht Club Seabrook, TX

Featured Marques: Mustang/Packard

May 30 - 31 - Greenwich Concours d'Elegance

Greenwich, CT - Sat: American makes / Sun: Imports

June 5 - 7 - CCCA Museum Experience

Hickory Corners, Michigan

June 10-18 - Pacific Northwest Region CCCA

A Canadian Rockies Experience CARavan,

August 23, 2015 - Geneva Concours, Geneva, IL

Paul Hedburn

Paul W. Hedburn, long time CCCA member died February 7, 2015 at the age of 88. Paul was a WW II U S Army Veteran and a graduate of Downers Grove High School.

It is not possible to discuss Paul without including his beloved wife, "Katie" who predeceased him by almost exactly 5 years. Truly inseparable during their marriage, they actively shared collecting interests. Every room in their home overflowed with their collections of truly great artifacts.

While Paul and Katie were consummate collectors with an exacting taste, they were also a most loving couple and genuinely nice people. They will be remembered fondly by all those who had the pleasure of their company.



Editor's Corner



I am always surprised - and pleasantly so - when people I don't know come up to me and introduce themselves, saying they recognize me from my picture here in the newsletter. Several people said this to me at our outing to the Driehaus Collection at Chicago Vintage Motor Carriage. Thank you for doing so! Be assured, I am always happy to meet the members, from this or any associate club.

With the worst of the winter months (January and February) behind us, we can all begin to look forward to spring. I'm glad the weather was good for our outings in those months, it's always good to banish 'cabin fever' by being able to get out and have some fun. The March outing to Knauz Auto Park should be quite interesting too. There is a special collection of about 25 cars with historical significance. Euro-centric, it mainly mirrors cars sold in the dealership over the years. And this may be as close as some of us will get to a Pyramid. Do try to join us!

As always, any time there is an awesome collection of automobiles I think we all tend to fall in love with one or two. I was thinking what a perfect Valentine's Day Gift this 1937 Brewster would have made with its heart shaped grill. You can keep the chocolates, I say!

Maureen

p.s. I sincerely apologize for any confusion I may have caused with the wrong dates in last month's newsletter. I only hope I didn't cause anyone to miss an event because of it!



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Driehaus Collection - January 24, 2015

The Driehaus tour at Chicago Vintage Motor Carriage was sponsored by the Greater Illinois Region of the Classic Car Club of America and the Packard Club of Chicago. Thanks to a special invite by collection curator Stephen Murphy, we were treated to a guided tour describing the historic significance and history of each car. In the spirit of extending the opportunity to fellow car enthusiasts, the AACA was invited to join us. Turnout was 150 people - I think everyone enjoyed the fantastic collection. It was a rare opportunity to get up close and personal with some one of a kind cars.

After the tour there was time to leisurely view the cars before we were called into the gorgeous 'lunch room', where a delicious spread awaited.

Thanks to John Maxson, Russ Rodriguez, Mark Smith for a fabulous look 'Behind The Scenes'

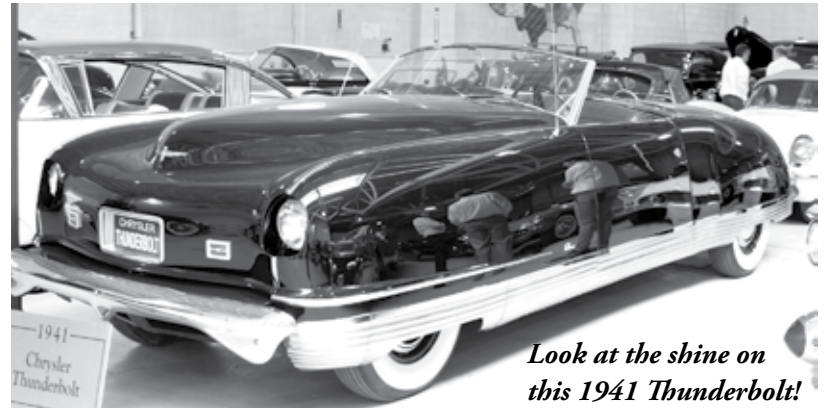


1941 Lincoln Continental



Re-styled by Industrial Designer Raymond Loewy, with 'opera' windows, custom bumpers, gold plated dashboard accents, and a removable clear plexiglass top

Giving the Stutz a good inspection



Look at the shine on this 1941 Thunderbolt!



1948 Tucker



Paul Callighan was one of many taking pictures of these rare cars

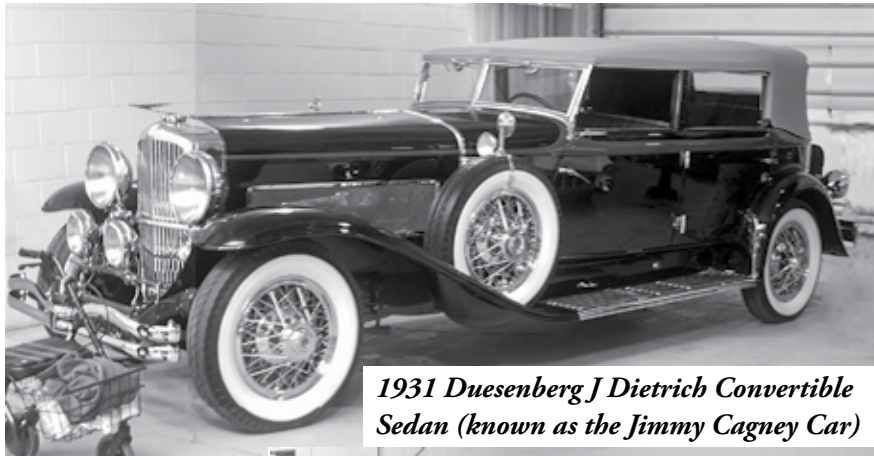


Amber Reyes, Jennifer Maxson and Kathleen Eckhart had the job of checking in 150 people. No easy task!



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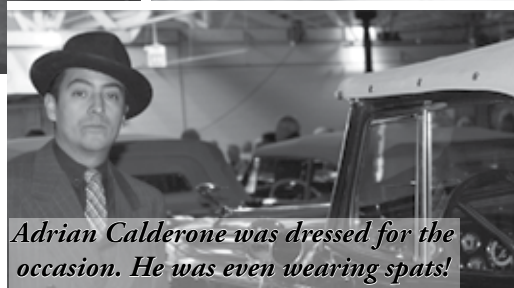
1949 Kurtis Sports Car



1931 Duesenberg J Dietrich Convertible Sedan (known as the Jimmy Cagney Car)



An informative video presentation provided the backdrop during lunch in a room graced with several cars and a gorgeous, ornate bar that dated back to the Columbian Exposition.



Adrian Calderone was dressed for the occasion. He was even wearing spats!



Many Thanks to the great staff! Friendly, helpful & informative, they made our tour fun and rewarding!



Jorge Acosta

Mark Hooper

Stephen Murphy

Amber Reyes

John McPartlin



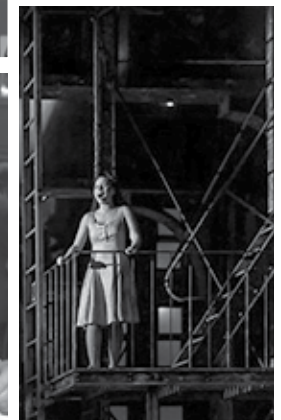
1954 Kaiser Darrin

Annual Valentine's Day Dinner - February 15, 2015

Once again the venue was the Drury Lane Theater in Oak Brook, with it's gorgeous chandelier studded lobby, great stage production and table after table of delicious food! Members and their guests numbered 30 in all who left their cares and the frigid temperatures outside for a couple of hours.



Emily Taylor looked like everyone's ideal valentine in her red fur-trimmed coat with matching hat and muffs.



Of course you want this one All!

Award Winning

Congratulations to Dan and Darlene Sobczyk on their national award from AACA for their 1948 Pontiac. The cars for consideration were selected from 10 National meets in 2014, from a total of 3500 cars. After further scrutiny by the National Award Committee one car was selected for each of 30 different awards.

The Sobczyks won the Bomgardner Award, for an outstanding restoration of a post 1942 auto. In addition to a trophy and plaque, their name will be etched onto the Bomgardner award at the AACA museum in Hershey, PA.



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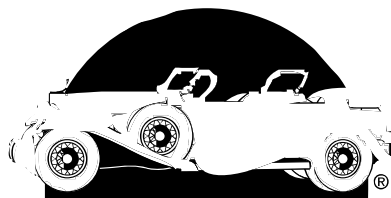
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GREATER ILLINOIS REGION CLASSIC CAR CLUB OF AMERICA
BEHIND THE SCENES - SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2015

We will visit *Knauz Auto Park* , the *Gold Pyramid House*, and have a buffet lunch *at the Savanna House* Restaurant. The Packard Club has been invited to join us.

10:00 am - The Classic Car Center at the Auto Park where we will have coffee and donuts. The Auto Park is on the southeast corner of Rt. 41 and Rt 176 in Lake Bluff. Enter the complex from Rt. 176 (Rockton Rd) - for those using a GPS the address is 775 Rockton Road, Lake Bluff, IL There is street parking in front of the center and a large lot on the south side of the structure. The collection is about 25 cars, all with some interesting history. Bill Knauz will provide commentary on the collection with stories of individual cars and hopefully, a bit of his family's interesting history and path to success.

11:30 am - depart for the Gold Pyramid House - 37921 North Dilleys Road, Wadsworth, IL. It is about a 25 minute drive. Built in 1977 as a private residence, this 17,000 square foot 6 story structure is surrounded by a moat. Even the garage is pyramid shaped!

12 Noon - Tour of the Pyramid House

1:30 pm - Buffet Lunch at the Savanna House Restaurant in Wadsworth. Just a few minutes drive.



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Name(s) _____

Checks must be received by MARCH 22nd
\$35 fee covers tours and lunch. Join us! It should be an interesting outing.