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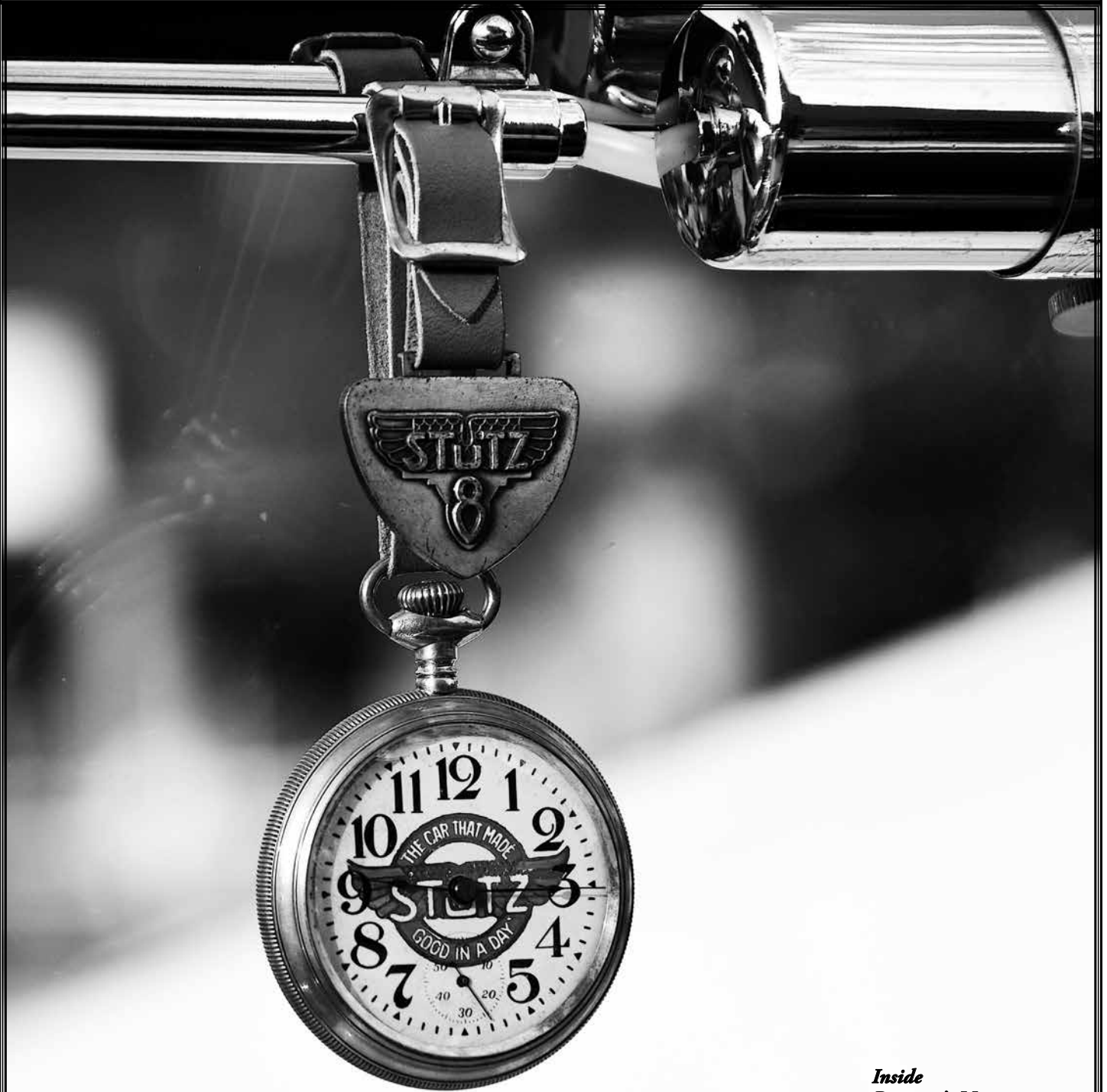
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Greater Illinois Region/CCCA

<http://gir.classiccarclub.org>

"Let's go for a ride"

M. Blevins, editor



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Message from the Regional Director

Greetings GIRCCA members

As you turn the page to another calendar year I am happy to announce your board is busy preparing an exciting calendar of events for the 2017 season. In it you'll find many of your old favorites with a few new twists on some of the usuals, along with some new experiences that will certainly excite you enough to sign up early and bring your favorite cars out.



Though the final touches are not quite in place, this issue will contain some dates that we hope you'll mark on your calendars for what will certainly be some outstanding outings with your fellow classic car enthusiasts.

I'd also like to welcome an old friend returning to the board. Bob Mills has been a familiar face to many over the years with his dependable help at the Father's Day car show for years. Bob looks forward to contributing a bit more and being part of your Board of Directors. We also look forward to seeing his favorite Triumph back on the road in time to be part of the festivities.

As always I encourage you to reach out to me or any of the board members should you have any ideas or suggestions on how we could improve upon our efforts in bringing you the kinds of activities and programs that you want to see.

So fear not, although your babies sleep under the quiet depths of another cold Chicago winter they will be awake soon and provide endless days of pleasure basking in the glow of a warm sun and admiring eyes.

CORDially,

Russ

Cover Photo:

A Stutz watch that was hung from the mirror of a Stutz Bearcat at a car show last summer caught my eye. The Stutz is owned by a man from Hobart, IN.

Welcome to our newest club members

Stephen Murphy, David DiMarco, Allen Rusy, Jack & Cherie Runnfeldt, John Ling and Norman and Mary Lee Deckard

GIR/CCCA 2017 Events

February 11 - Behind the Scenes - Eastwood automotive Alsip, IL Flyers have been mailed with the Dashboard

March 29 - April 2 - CCCA Annual Meeting: Reno, NV

May 12 - 13 - CCCA Grand Classic: Auburn, IN
(joint CCCA & AACA meet)

May 12 - 21 - Nordic CARavan in South: New Orleans, LA

June 4 - CCCA Museum Experience: Hickory Corners, Michigan

June 18 - 39th Annual Father's Day Car Show Oakbrook Center

Other 2017 Events of Note

January 14-16, 2017 - Arizona Concours d'Elegance
Scottsdale, AZ

February 4 - Midwest Racing Assoc. Annual Dinner
with famed race car driver Lyn St. James. More info at <http://www.mirpa.org/events.html>

February 10-12 - Boca Raton, FL Concours d'Elegance

March 10-12 Amelia Island, FL Concours d'Elegance

February 11-20 - Chicago Auto Show: McCormick Place

In Memoriam

Marleah Schweppe 1938 - 2016



Marleah was an accomplished pianist, organist and piano teacher. She served in executive roles at the Girl Scouts of DuPage County, Lincoln National Life Insurance Company (serving as the first female president of the DuPage Life Insurance Association) and at the Colonial Bank and Trust. She also founded and led the Executive Women of DuPage County organization. Marleah started the MK Johnson insurance agency, owned and operated several highly successful diet centers in the Chicago area and later partnered with her husband, Bud, as co-owner and operator of Schweppe Used Food Service Equipment. Marleah was also an intrepid world traveler and an accomplished painter. She is survived by her loving husband, Bud, 2 stepsons, a stepdaughter, her mother, a brother and two sisters.

Editor's Corner



Here we are again - another year gone by, another notch in the seatbelt so to speak. There were some nice outings in 2016 as I am sure those who attended would agree. In addition to those local events I managed to have some fun and see some awesome sights - and cars - not just in Illinois, but in Arizona, Wisconsin and Utah. I can hardly wait to see what 2017 brings.

There is no shortage of Classic Car events during the summer months and I know everyone takes full advantage of those opportunities, but what about winter? We have to travel for those, but what a perfect excuse to get away when the winter weather becomes more than we care to deal with. It's also a really good time to visit those auto museums and private collections you've always wanted to get to, and planning some fun certainly does help make these months of short days and cold nights go by a little faster - or at least it tempers our ability to get through them.

Here's to 2017! May it bring good health, continued prosperity, and Classic good times!

- *Maureen*



I inadvertently left out a couple of captions in the Winter edition of the Dashboard. On page 9 under Motors and Music, that impressive LaSalle Grille belongs to the 1939 LaSalle Opera Coupe (nc) of Preston Helgren. That classy fender skirt and whitewall are on a 1935 Dodge business coupe (n/c) owned by Angelo Boccieri.



Preston Helgren & Eileen Graham



Board Notes

The annual planning meeting proved very productive as the Board laid out plans and set calendar dates for 2017. Look for some great events and tours coming up in the next year!

Also at the meeting, Board positions were finalized. A couple of positions changed hands and we have a couple of new board members to help lighten the load. We are also currently in the process of redesigning our website, so stay tuned for further developments.

We would like to welcome Daniel J. McCarthy to the Board. Although an avid enthusiast of anything with wheels, vintage motorcycles dominate his collection. Until relocating to Palos Park from the City he was spatially challenged with his garage situation, but is now looking forward to adding to his auto addiction. For Dan, motorized art is a release from his day job as Funeral Director/Cremationist and President of Elements, the cremation company.

Dan and his wife Ronette have two children; Emmet, age 9 and Mary Margaret, age 6.



Annual Dinner



The 2016 Annual Meeting of the Greater IL Region of the CCCA took place on Sunday, Nov. 13 in the Governor's Room at Arlington Park International Race Track. Our unseasonably warm November weather was quite welcome and as always, it was nice to see a good turnout of members and guests at this annual event - 68 in total.

Upon arrival, guests were signed in by Jean Roche and ladies presented with red carnations. Dinner was top notch, beginning with cheese trays, and ending with dessert of cookies and assorted pastry bites. As in the past, the meeting itself was short and sweet, giving attendees ample time to visit, catch up with old friends and make some new ones.

Awards were given to three members who have given generously of their time and talents to the organization: Mike O'Toole, who is stepping down from his position as treasurer, and to Charles Falk and Bud Schweppe, our activities co-chairs. Charles and Bud have both given much of their time into planning and putting together

so many of the details for our many outings and events of the past couple of years.

Pre-dinner entertainment was provided with videos from Chuck Derer of members, cars, events and more, as everyone enjoyed drinks and hors d'oeuvres. As a special treat, a little pre-dinner Banjo music from 'Smilin' Jack ' Meilhan brightened the afternoon. Jack brought his 1932 Rockne (n/c) to Motors & Music in July and his banjo to the dinner, where he displayed some pretty impressive banjo pickin'.



Jean & Tom Roche

Chuck & Penney Derer



Our guest speaker, Tom Stephani, gave a presentation on the history and preservation of Raceway Woods - formerly Meadowdale Raceway in Carpentersville, IL. It was surprising just how many members not only had memories of the raceway, but experiences there to boot.



It was certainly good to see Mark Smith back out and about, with wife Nancy behind the wheel - or in this case wheels. A summer mishap on a fishing trip necessitated knee surgery, rehab therapy and some temporary wheelchair transport.



Banjo pickin' Jack Meilhan arrives

Annual Dinner



*John & Dawn
Brayton*



Bob & Bonnie Starzyk



*Gail & Ray
Bacci*



Virginia & Bill Hexamer



Ann & Tom Kleinschmidt



*Sally & Steve
Styers*



Rita Planey, Joan Falk



Charles Falk, James Planey



Marge & Stuart Kleinschmidt



*Wayne & Cheryl
Rissman*



Judy & Chuck Kelley



Carla & John Baxter



Jim Rudnick



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Dolezal*



Steve Kaminski



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Kaminski*



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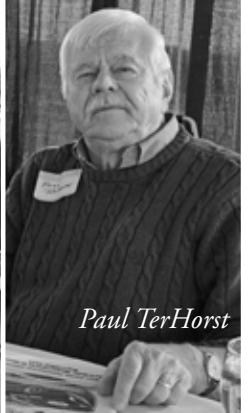
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Paul TerHorst

Annual Meeting



Charles Falk, Bud Schweppe, and Mike O'Toole receive awards from GIR Assistant Director Mark Smith.



Jack Meilhan entertains



Don & JoAnn Stevens



Carl Turano

Cathy Maltese



Chris Schurer



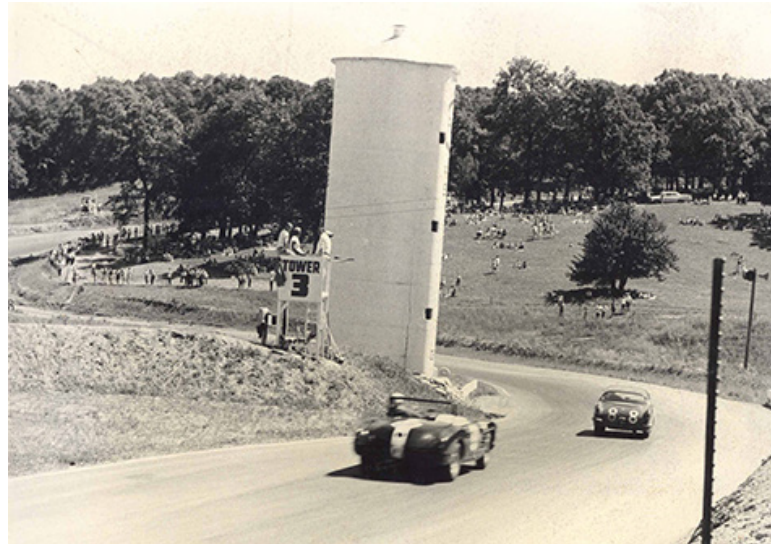
Darlene & Dan Sobczyk



Cherie & Jack Runnfeldt



Meadowdale



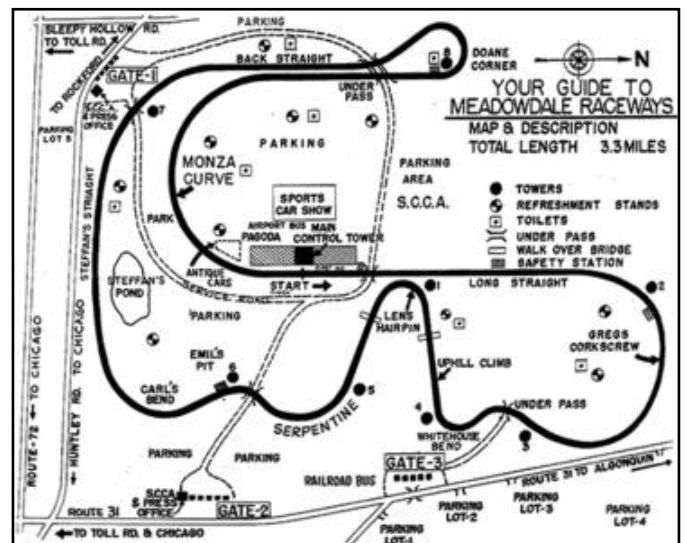
Meadowdale International Raceway is located within Raceway Woods near the corners of Route 31 and Huntley Road in the far Northwest Corner of Carpentersville, IL. Meadowdale was a 3.27 mile road course racetrack which opened for its first race on September 14, 1958, only six months from the time construction permits were issued. The dream of Leonard W. Besinger, a commercial and residential property developer whose vision it was to make the track a destination in the national racing community, Meadowdale International Raceways operated from September 1958 through 1968 and is the only intact “ghost track” in the U.S.

The majority of the asphalt from the track still remains. The silo, which once displayed the Pure Oil logo, has been restored and stands at the Route 31 entrance as a symbol of what once was.

MIRPA’s vision is to continue to promote and educate the community on the importance of Meadowdale International Raceways, which brought people to live and work in the area, providing a place to relax, recreate, and share stories and memories just as it does today.

“We seek to foster knowledge and appreciation of the American Motorsports Culture. To this end, we are currently gathering resources toward a future National Motorsports Museum and Resource Center.” MIRPA hosts events throughout the year including the Meadowdale Motorsports & Memories Car Show, held on the old straight-away every September, an Annual Winter Banquet, a monthly Coffee & Cars gathering and special members only events like their annual dinner featuring speakers such as Bobby Unser, Al Unser, (Jr. and Sr), Lyn St. James, Bobby Rahal and Janet Guthrie.

Read more online at <http://www.mirpa.org/home-1.html>



Our guests from MIRPA - Tom Stephani, our speaker, and Linda Daro, founder and Chairman of Midwest Racing Preservation Association (formerly Meadowdale International Raceways Preservation Association)

Car Notes & News

Dates change for Milwaukee Concours

The Milwaukee Concours d'Elegance is moving to an earlier date in 2017 to avoid conflicts with other shows. The concours is set for the first weekend of August, a few weeks earlier than in the previous 12 years. The two-day event opens on Saturday, Aug. 5, with Show & Glow by the Lake, an open car show, as well as a motor tour and the annual Style & Speed Social. The Concours d'Elegance follows on Sunday, Aug. 6.

"We've been in direct conflict with Geneva (Illinois) Concours only 90 miles to the south," said Milwaukee Concours Co-Chair Carrol Jensen. "The Pebble Beach Concours is the third weekend of August, and it's a long drive to Milwaukee from California."

For more information on the Milwaukee Concours d'Elegance visit www.milwaukeeconcours.com.

- from Old Cars Weekly

Concept Car Added to National Historic Vehicle Register

Added to the register earlier this year was The Buick Y-Job. When Harlow Curtice met with Harley Earl in 1934 Curtice, Buick's recently hired general manager, wanted to make the brand more appealing to younger, more stylistically inclined folks so he asked the head of GM's Art and Colour section to "design me a Buick you would like to own yourself." A few years later Curtice decided to fund a one-off advanced concept car. Called The Y-Job because Y represented "one step beyond" the X-prefixed cars of GM, The Y-Job Buick debuted in December 1939 as "The Car of the Future."

Over the years the car has spent time at the Sloan Museum, the Henry Ford in Dearborn, and since 1993 with the GM Design Center in Warren, MI.

Retro Cord May Be Coming Soon

With the passage of the Low Volume Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Act of 2015, Congress loosened the reins that have kept small manufacturers, like Cord, from recreating vintage classics from a bygone era. The redacted regulations will allow for a potential small increase in classic replica reproductions.

This Act allows small manufacturers (less than 5,000 cars annually) to construct up to 325 replicas per year for reproductions of automobiles over 25 years of age without meeting the exceptionally high industry standards for safety, emissions and the like.

Texas entrepreneur Craig Corbell is looking for venture capitalists to finance the reproduction of classic Cord motorcars and has announced his intention to reproduce the coffin-nosed Cord motorcars originally built at Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg in Indiana, perhaps as early as this year.

Corbell bought the rights to the Cord brand from the Prey family who reproduced Cord replicas and owned the name for the past 50 years.



Buick Y-Job

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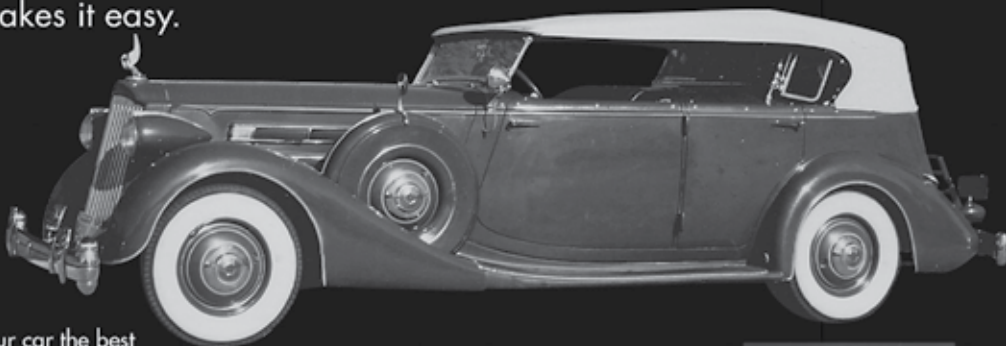
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