

# *UP TO SPEED*

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*Greater Illinois Region/CCCA*  
*<http://GIRCCCA.com>*

*"Let's go for a ride"*

*M. Blevins, editor*



*It's Time to Roll*

## Message from the Regional Director

Greetings fellow members.

You may notice it's been a while since we've been able to offer a new addition of Up To Speed. Your board members take their financial fiscal responsibilities seriously. We've been in a period of tightening our belts and getting on track with the shrinking budget we've had to manage. We had two successful Car Shows last year in Geneva that have allowed us solid footing in proceeding with this year's activities; We'll have 3 UTs. I'm happy to announce the Father's Day Oak Brook Car Show will be back in full force this year.

I'm also very happy to introduce you to our two newest board members. Please welcome Alan and Mary Alice Blum. They are no strangers to Classic Cars and pretty much any other thing on wheels. Look forward to knowing them better in the coming issue of the Dashboard. I feel very fortunate to call them board members and you'll soon learn how quickly they have embraced the Classic Car Club.

In the attached pages of this offering you'll find an invite to our first event. It has an Irish theme and I thank board members Dan McCarthy, Mary Alice Blum, and Gary Gerstner for putting this one together. Please join us in what promises to be the first of many events this year with camaraderie, new experiences, and fun in mind.

CORDially,  
**Russ**



## GIR/CCCA 2020 Events

**March 20 - Pot O' Gold Event - FLYER AND SIGN-UP FORM INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER**

**June 3 - 5 - CCCA Museum Grand Experience**

**June 19 - Oak Brook Fathers Day Car Show**

**July 17 - Annual GIRCCCA/POC Picnic - Fabyan Woods 11am -2 pm Shelter Fabyan # 1 1925 Batavia Blvd, Geneva, IL**

**September 17 - Lunch Train Event - in combination with the Rolls Royce Club**

**October - AACA/GIRCCCA Fall Tour It will be either the second weekend or third weekend in October.**

## Other Events of Note

**June 4 - 8th Annual Glen Ellyn Auto Fest 10 am - 3 pm**

**July 9 - Copshaholm Concours d'elegance**

**July 14 - 17 - Keeneland Concours d'elegance**

**August 21 - Pebble Beach Concours d'elegance**

**August 27 - September 6 - ACD Festival**

**September - Concours d'Elegance of America (formerly held at St. John's) will be held at the Detroit Institute of Arts**

**October 4 - 7 - Elegance at Hershey**

**Welcome to our Newest Member  
Terry Stahly**

**Cover Photo:** Spring

Pull off those covers and start your engines. Our first event is in just a few days and there will be more to come. This photo is from a 2017 event; Dennis Heywood is in the lead, followed by Jim Tharp, Bob Joynt...

## In Memoriam Claude Ohanesian

Claude passed away on Tuesday, February 02, 2022. He is survived by his wife Audrey, and their two daughters. Founder and CEO of CGO Wealth Management, LLC, Claude was this club's recent treasurer, and current regional director of the Packards of Chicagoland club. After graduating from West Minster College, he made his career in business, serving on several finance committees and lending his expertise as head of committees and boards in various professional, educational, and charitable committees. He will be greatly missed



We extend our deep sympathy and sincere condolences to John McNabola and his family on the passing of his sister, Mary Margaret "Buffy" Rock on February 7, 2022.

## Editor's Corner



Wow! It's good to be back!

Our last UTS was published in January of 2020. Two whole years. It looks like we are finally getting back on track. Keep those fingers crossed that we continue to make progress towards a covid-free future.

With things opening up, there are more and more opportunities to get those cars out and about. Besides our club activities, consider the other opportunities listed in this newsletter and on our calendar of events. There's not a much better way to enjoy an afternoon than showing off your antique vehicle - unless of course, it's going for a ride in it.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at these upcoming events. And it will be so much easier to recognize one another without those masks. Whether you continue to wear a mask or not - it's your choice - it will be great to see you either way!

This vintage postcard is pretty much on target with our recent weather, wouldn't you agree? It's been awfully windy, making me feel like those people in that car - I need to hang on to my hat!

But March is supposed to be windy, right? 'In like a lion' as that old adage says. Let's hope it goes out like a gentle little lamb, and stops buffeting us about. I for one, am tired of it. The closer it gets to the end of winter, the antsier we get for that spring weather with warmer temps and sunshine! It will be so nice to be able to step outside without the hat, the mittens, the parka, the scarf, the boots...



*Maureen*

*A gentle reminder...If you have not renewed your GIR membership for the coming year, this will be your last publication. Things happen and we can get sidetracked,; things get put on the back burner, or we think we already took care of something that we haven't! So please make sure you've sent in your renewal - We hate to lose any of you!*

### TECH TIP

Before you start your engine, take a close look under the hood at belts, hoses, and gaskets for cracks and dry rot. Take a look at your tire pressure and look for signs of wear you may have forgotten to address before storage such as balding treads or cracks. Replace tires if needed.

Inspect the wiring. Even with the best preventative measures, animals can get inside and chew on the wires.

Check all the fluids and test the lights.

It is highly recommended to push your car OUT of the garage before starting it up for the first time. Stuck floats, split fuel lines, dried out diaphragms, can all cause that four letter "F" word – FIRE. You open the hood to see what's wrong, and 'whoosh!', Now you've got not only a car fire, but a house fire as well.

***Eighth Annual  
Vintage***



***Glen Ellyn  
Auto Fest***

**Saturday, June 4, 2022 10:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.**

**Location: Stacy's Tavern Museum & Glen Ellyn History Center**

*A rain or shine event!*

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Please submit \$10.00 per vehicle with check or money order payable to the Glen Ellyn Historical Society. Each registrant will receive 2 free tickets to Stacy's Tavern Museum to be used during 2022, a discount coupon for Stacy's Corners Store, and a dash plaque. (THE VEHICLE GATE OPENS at 9 a.m. and CLOSSES at 10 a.m.)

Vehicle registration materials will be distributed the morning of the show at the entrance located at 557 Geneva Road (use driveway just west of Stacy's Tavern Museum – this property is located west of the intersection of St. Charles Road and N. Main Street, Glen Ellyn). *All vintage, antique and classic cars and clubs are welcome.* A map will be posted at: [www.GlenEllynHistory.org](http://www.GlenEllynHistory.org). Registrants will vote on Best of Show awards to be given at 2:45 p.m. *New This Year:* The public will also vote on a Peoples' Choice Award.

Talks will be held in the Glen Ellyn History Center throughout the day, including Al Krodel on Studebaker and Aston Martin, Bill Morris on Pierce-Arrow, and Mitch Frumkin on the advertising of muscle cars. Hot dogs will be for sale for lunch, and a pizza-by-the-slice restaurant is located across the street.

For more information about the event, contact Karen Hall, Executive Director, Glen Ellyn Historical Society at 630-469-1867 or [director@gehs.org](mailto:director@gehs.org) or Jim Manak, Secretary, Packards of Chicagoland, [lelp@xnet.com](mailto:lelp@xnet.com), 630-858-6092.

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The VFW in West Dundee is having a Memorial Day parade on Sunday, May 29.

The gathering point will be at Immanuel Lutheran Church in East Dundee, located at RT 72 and Van Buren Avenue.

The parade route is about a mile; from East Dundee to West Dundee along RT 72.

Line up will be at 1 PM and the parade will step off at 2 PM. Arrival between noon and 12:30 PM would be greatly appreciated.

Antique automobiles are always a great attraction. We would like to have 20 to 30 cars of differing vintage for the enjoyment of the public.

Anyone who is interested in showing your support for our veterans by being in the parade with your antique vehicle contact Dan Sobczyk

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**FRIDAY, JUNE 3**

We invite the CCCA regions to plan their own driving tour and to arrive at the CCCAM/Gilmore campus for a BBQ celebration at the Gilmore.

Visit the CCCAM's new installation of the Permanent Collection (in the new 11,000 sq. ft. addition) and, in conjunction with Experiencing American Luxury, the Museum will host the exhibition Experiencing American Luxury of the Harlem Renaissance. Highlighting the exhibition will be Bill Bojangles Robinson's, (the famous tap dancer of stage and screen) 1935 Duesenberg as well as materials on the arts that transformed American culture in the 1920's and 30's.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4**

Day Driving Tour of various luxury type locations, starting at the Gilmore Museum. Evening Cocktails and Banquet with Special Guests

**SUNDAY JUNE 5**

Many onsite activities throughout the day to include Cigar rolling and tastings; bourbon and beer tastings; artists drawing and modeling (for kids & adults); Live Jazz music and, Model Airplane Flights above the Gilmore Campus!

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## News and Notes

January auction week is on the books! Records were made with total sales of \$266.7M. Over all, total sales were up 22% even with 1/3 fewer vehicles. RM Sotheby's sold a 1955 Mercedes-Benz 300SL Alloy Gullwing for a record \$6,825,000. Also sold by RM Sotheby's was a 1931 Duesenberg Model J Derham Tourister for \$3,415,000.

Grand Classics were sprinkled in the auction mix, with the likes of the following: a 1929 Duesenberg Model J Derham Sedan, 5-pass. sold for \$2,260,000, a 1935 Delahaye 135MS Competition Drophead Coupe sold for \$1,435,000, a 1932 Chrysler Imperial Convertible Sedan sold for \$940,000, a 1937 Packard Twelve-Series 1507 Coupe sold for \$280,000 1937 Cord 812 Supercharged Convertible Phaeton Sedan sold for \$235,200 (Worldwide Auctioneers). Gooding sold a 1937 Cord 812 Customized Westchester Sedan sold for \$275,000. Bonhams sold the 1949 Buick Roadmaster Convertible featured in the movie Rain Man, and owned by Dustin Hoffman for \$335,000 (photo below).

While the big event is in Scottsdale, the Mecum Kissimmee Florida event, held over 11 days in January, sold nearly 3000 vehicles with sales totaling \$213 - almost as much as all of the Scottsdale auctions combined.

The popularity of online auctions has had an impact on live auctions, which had one-third fewer vehicles on offer during this year's Arizona auctions. Despite the drop in the number of vehicles, total sales at live auctions benefited from widespread appreciation, with a 33% increase in the average price. Live auctions still produce some exceptionally strong prices, sometimes bordering on unbelievable.

Online auctions sales have doubled every year since 2016, with opportunities to bid from the comfort of home easier than ever. According to Hagerty, "since the pandemic began, people have also prioritized fun-to-drive vehicles over poised-to-appreciate ones".

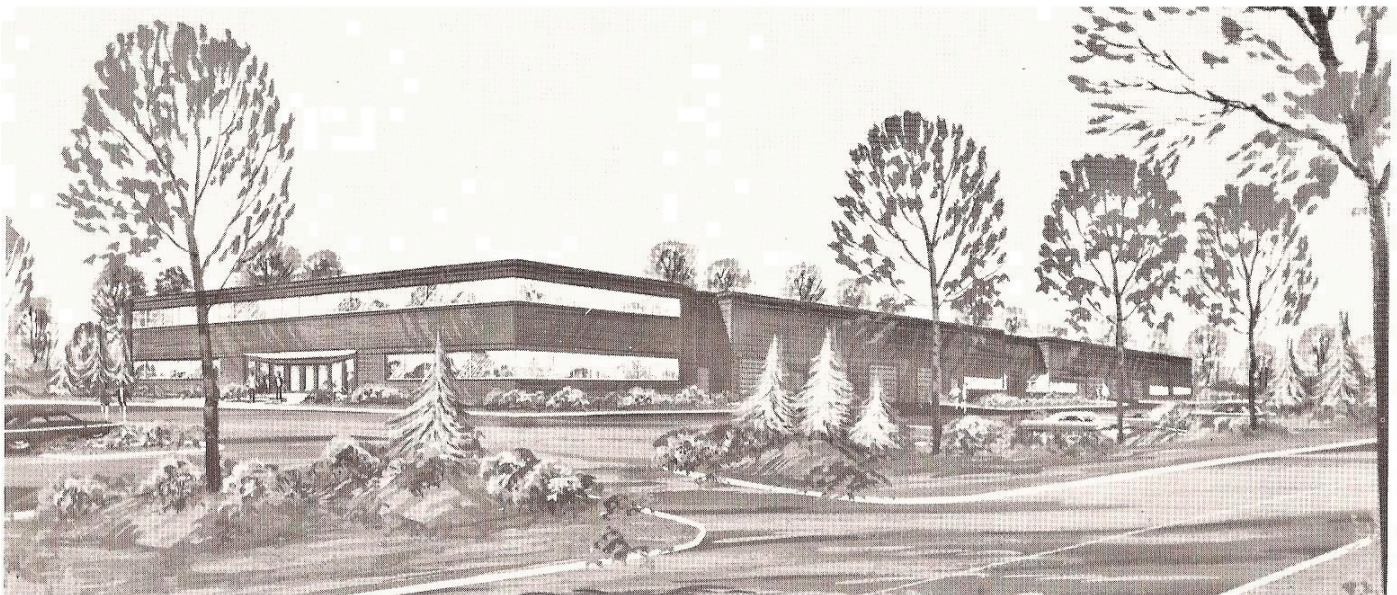


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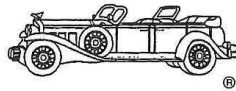
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OF REGIONAL AWARDS  
2021**

**The Classic Car Club  
of America**

Region	Place	Score
San Diego/Palm Springs	1	16.0
Arizona	2	10.4
Southern California	3	5.2
New England	4	4.1
Michigan	5	1.6
Pacific Northwest	6	1.1

**2021 Steiner Grand Classic Award**

*Percent of Participation by Classic Owning Members*

Region	Place	Score
Arizona	1	13.8
San Diego/Palm Springs	2	12.7
Southern California	3	8.1
Wisconsin	4	7.6
Western Pennsylvania	5	3.3
Michigan	6	2.6
Greater Illinois	7	2.5
New England	8	2.3
Spirit of St Louis	9	2.0
Pacific Northwest	10	1.6
Upper Midwest	11	1.4
Indiana	12	1.1
Florida	13	0.9

**2021 Technical Award**

*Contributions to the Technical Aspect  
of Restoration and Maintenance*

Region	Place	Score
Indiana	1	44.0
Michigan	2	39.0
Pacific Northwest	3	25.0
Florida	4	20.0
San Diego/Palm Springs	4	20.0
Spirit of St Louis	5	11.0
Upper Midwest	6	7.0
New England	7	6.0
Greater Illinois	8	5.0
Southern California	8	5.0

**PUBLICATION AWARDS**

**Turnquist Award**  
Regions with over 100 Members

Region	Place	Score
<b>Senior*</b>		
Michigan	1	97.25
Pacific Northwest	2	89.75
<b>Primary*</b>		
Indiana	1	94.25
Florida	2	90
Southern California	3	82.5
Greater Illinois	4	76.75
New England	5	70.75
Texas	7	44.25
Metro	8	31

**2021 Membership Award**

*Membership Stability & Growth*

Region	Place	Score
Western Pennsylvania	1	104.6
Indiana	2	100.1
Pacific Northwest	3	99.0
Wisconsin	4	97.5
New England	5	97.2
San Diego/Palm Springs	6	96.8
Michigan	7	96.4
Southern California	8	95.6
Arizona	9	95.2
Upper Midwest	10	93.0
Greater Illinois	11	92.4
Spirit of St Louis	12	89.6
Florida	13	80.6

**2021 Bigelow Award**

*Distinguished Record of Overall  
Performance*

Region	Place	Score
San Diego/Palm Springs	1	91
Indiana	2	77
Michigan	2	77
Arizona	3	70
Western Pennsylvania	4	62
Southern California	5	56
Pacific Northwest	6	55
New England	7	48
Upper Midwest	8	42
Spirit of St Louis	9	36
Wisconsin	10	33
Florida	11	32
Greater Illinois	12	15

**McManus Award**  
Regions with 100 Members or less

Region	Place	Score
Colorado	1	89.5
Spirit of St Louis	2	81.75
Upper Midwest	3	77.5
San Diego/Palm Springs	4	77
Colonial	5	74.75
Wisconsin	6	71.75
Oregon	7	70.75
Northern California	8	70

**2021 Chuck Conrad Website Award**

Region	Place	Score
New England	1	94
Greater Illinois	2	91.5
Spirit of St Louis	3	88
SD/Palm Springs	4	85.5
Southern CA	5	80
Wisconsin	6	77.5
Indiana	7	73.5
Arizona	8	72.5
Texas	9	71
Florida	10	67.5
Pacific Northwest	11	66
Michigan	12	65.5
Ohio	13	64.5
Upper Midwest	14	60
Oregon	15	59
Colorado	16	57
Delaware Valley	17	48.5
Northern CA	18	48
Metro	19	47

**2021 Activities & Performance Award**

*Activities & Performance*

Region	Place	Score
Indiana	1	51.0
Upper Midwest	2	45.0
Michigan	3	39.0
Southern California	4	36.0
Arizona	5	29.0
Florida	5	29.0
Wisconsin	6	27.0
Spirit of St Louis	7	25.0
Western Pennsylvania	8	22.0
New England	9	19.0
Pacific Northwest	10	16.0
Greater Illinois	11	14.0
San Diego/Palm Springs	12	10.0

**2021 Tarnopol**

**CARavan Award**

*Percentage of Participation by  
Classic Owning Members*

Region	Place	Score
San Diego/Palm Springs	1	14.6
Western Pennsylvania	2	13.2
Michigan	3	10.0
Spirit of St Louis	4	9.9
Florida	5	9.0
Arizona	6	7.2
Upper Midwest	7	7.1
Indiana	8	6.2
Pacific Northwest	9	5.6
New England	10	5.1
Southern California	11	4.9
Greater Illinois	12	2.7

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