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May/June 2016

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

My fellow classic car enthusiasts: Yes, it seems that as much as the weather gods tempt us they have a habit of changing their minds at this time of year. My biggest wish is that by the time you receive this we will have broken out of the schizophrenic weather patterns and settled into some consistent warmer driver-conducive opportunities.



I would like to invite you to take a few minutes to fill out the questionnaire you see contained in this publication. The board values your time and would not send this if we didn't feel the information you provide could be helpful to strengthening our club. We have taken note of the decline and participation in too many of our activities and want to make sure that we as a club are meeting your expectations and needs. Please help us accomplish this.

In a final thought, we are rapidly closing in on this year's Father's Day show. There are two new things that I want to call your attention to. As club members you can now fill out your registration form electronically and submit it via email for your convenience. You will also note we have some very attractive polo shirts for sale that celebrate this annual event. Trust me when I say they're very nice.

We look forward to seeing you all very soon and hopefully behind the wheel of one of your babies.

CORD'ially,

Russ Rodriguez,
GIRCCCA Regional Director

Board Notes

We would like to welcome Bob Starzyk as the newest addition to the BOD. 'Buick Bob' is a member of several car clubs and decided to join CCCA after a visit to the Oakbrook Show a few years ago. Always a car nut, but "not always able to play" he is now happily back in the hobby. Bob, now retired, and his wife Bonnie, a nurse at Advocate Christ Hospital, currently have five Buicks in their garage.

Welcome Aboard!

GIRCCCA 2016 Events

May 14 - one day Spring tour - Rockford area

June 19 - Annual Oakbrook Classic Car Show contact Russ Rodriguez 630-767-9000

July 24 - Annual GIRCCCA/POC Picnic - Cantigny Park 3pm

July 28- Klairmont Kollection - Chicago, IL - 10 am
REGISTRATION ENCLOSED

July 30 - Motors & Music - Arlington Park

August 27 - Hagerty Youth Program - Location to be announced. Contact Russ Rodriguez 630-767-9000

November 13 - Annual Dinner

Other Events of Note

May 21 - 3rd Annual Glen Ellyn Vintage Auto Fest 10 am - 3 pm Contact Karen 630-469-1867 ext 101 or Jim 630-858-6092

May 21 - Art & the Automobile - Palos Park, IL

May 29 - AACASandwich car show - county fairgrounds, Sandwich, IL

June 4 - 6 Gilmore Experience CCCA Museum. Hickory Corners, MI

June 14 - 26 - The Great Race - Vintage cross country race from San Rafael, CA to Moline, IL

June 23-25 Bloomington-old Corvettes - Indianapolis Motor Speedway - Indianapolis, IN

July 10 - Cars That Time Forgot - Lake Lawn Resort, Delavan, WI

July 21 - Palos Park Concours - 5 - 9 pm - for more info call Bob 708-334-4848

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 no matter what you drive. Not everyone owns a Classic, but everyone can join the fun!

Cover Photo: On display at the January, 2016 Arizona Concours to celebrate the 100th running of the Indy 500, the "Fire Boid" was the first turbine-powered Indy Car. Originally a 1950 Kurtis-Kraft KK3000 chassis equipped with a 270-cu.in. Offenhauser four-cylinder, it was later converted to promote the jet-age training one could receive in the Strategic Air Command. General Curtis LeMay looked to improve life on base and a way to retain experienced air crews in the postwar years. With an output estimated at 195 horsepower, the transmission-less turbine car was said to have a top speed of 140 MPH. It was tested at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in April of 1955, and driven for exhibition laps during Memorial Day weekend by Henry Banks.

Editor's Corner



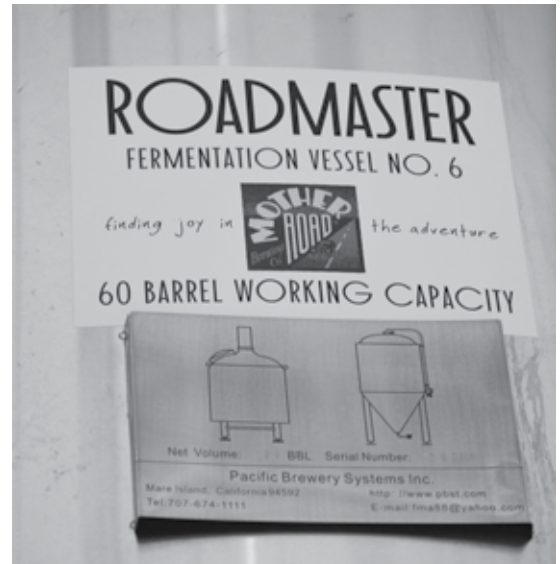
My most recent vacation took me to Arizona in time for the Concours and Auction week. It was great fun! But I also got to see many other awesome sights, notably the Grand Canyon and Sedona. In the midst of all that I spent some time in Flagstaff, which I found to be pleasantly surprising.

The town is right on good old Route 66 and they have lots of activities planned for this summer and fall to celebrate 90 years of that famous road. For all that, they surprisingly do NOT have a Rte 66 museum there. What they do have is plenty of themed fun not just for this year, but any year.

The Mother Road Brewery was one of my stops. I mean, with a name like that...right? I happened to drop in on a day when a couple of locals were providing some free entertainment. Squeezed in between the brew tanks Arvid Ray made his keyboard sing while Sammy Mac played a mean harmonica accompaniment. What a treat!

Unfortunately, I cannot tell you how good their beer is - I am not a beer drinker. But mingling with the lively crowd in the tasting room made me sorry I wasn't. Auburn, Nash, Hudson, Studebaker and Roadmaster, Nice names for their brewing vessels, don't you think?

- Maureen



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Showing Soon

Club members have lots of plans for showing their cars in the coming months. If you're exhibiting your car at either of these two shows in May you will have plenty to do. But if you are planning to attend as an onlooker, you can make it to both if you start early.



May 21, 2016 Glen Ellyn, IL

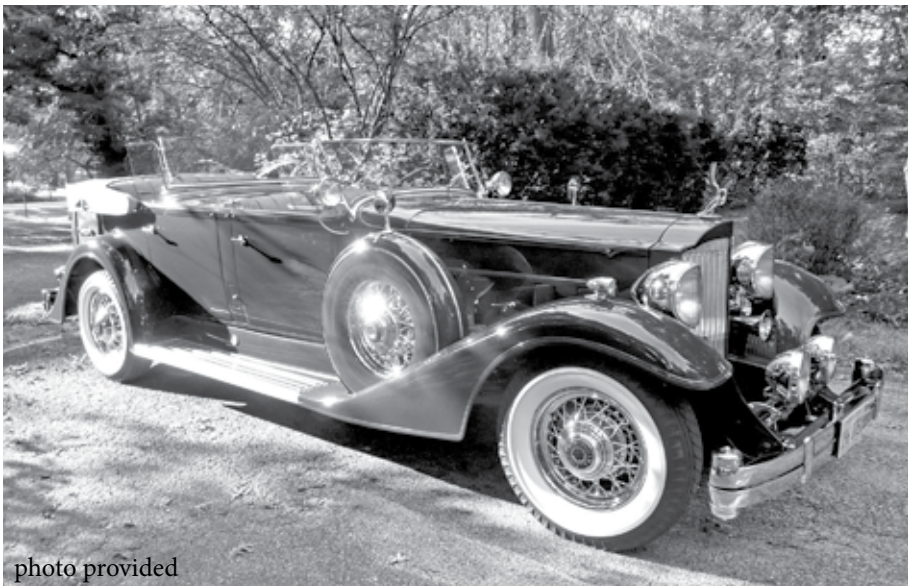
Member Dan Slowik will be showing his rare 1940 Buick Town Car with custom Brunn coachwork.

A concept car, this series 70 model was shown by GM at the Waldorf Astoria at the National Automobile Show in 1940 as the 'Town Master'. Although well received, the \$3750 price tag proved a bit much for buyers and the car did not sell.

Now in its third year, the Glen Ellyn Fest will be held 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. at Stacy's Tavern Museum & the Glen Ellyn History Center 800 N. Main Street in Glen Ellyn.

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There will be a wide variety of vintage automobiles to enjoy, and speakers throughout the day will be offering talks in the History Center about the history of automobiles. The featured marque this year is the Cadillac. Stacy's Tavern Museum is offering free mini-tours from 12 noon - 3 p.m., and is also hosting an exhibit on the Quilts of Barbara Ann Weber Leak: A Celebration of American Folk Art.



May 21, 2016 Palos Park, IL

Art and the Automobile is a premier event showcasing the mastery that goes into the design and implementation of some of the world's most iconic cars created by the likes of Pininfarina, Zagato, Touring, Bertone, Lyons, Komenda and more. The event will also feature some of the Midwest's finest artists. 25 cars and 55 artists are on the line up - a complement of artwork and works of art.

A short drive from the Village Hall to the exhibit area at the new Metra station will give viewers an opportunity to view this art in motion.

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Jim Tharp's 1933 Packard V 12 dual cowl phaeton was first restored in the 1970's and won a first place in 1983 at the Antique Automobile Club, then another first at the Antique Automobile Club Grand National in 1986. It then went to Zürich, Switzerland for a number of years, returning in 1998 to the U.S., passing through two more owners before Jim purchased it in 2013. At that time it was looking tired and the engine was knocking badly. Tharp had the car mechanically rebuilt and then painted by Fran Roxas, a noted Pebble Beach quality restorer, This is the only 1933 V12 dual cowl registered in the Classic Car Club, and is believed to be the only one in existence. Although it is a factory body style, it ranks right up there with the rare custom bodies of 1932-1934 Packards in beauty and elegance.

Showing Soon

June 19, 2016 Oakbrook, IL

Annual Fathers Day Show

GIRCCCA's own is one of the most prestigious and well attended shows in the area. Many members and visitors alike make this an annual event to attend with dad before taking him out to dinner. If your spouse, significant other or teenagers aren't really into automobiles, there is plenty of great shopping and restaurants that will more than satisfy.



Paul TerHorst, longtime GIR member regularly shows his cars at Oakbrook. This year he will bring out his 1935 Auburn 8 cylinder Cabriolet, which he has owned for over 50 years!



GIR member Carl Turano always provides a bit of fun when he outfits his custom 1930 Packard 7 passenger sedan as a getaway car.

These and over 100 other Classics and specialty vehicles will be on display at Oakbrook Center for this year's 47th Annual Display.



Dennis Sobieski, shown here with his 1930 Cadillac V16, is another regular at the Oakbrook show

July 21, 2016 Plymouth, MI

38th Concours d'Elegance of America, Inn at St. John's

It may not be a Grand Classic, but it is a beauty never the less. Bob Starzyk will be showing this 1956 Buick Special Convertible.



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CCCA Grand Classics

One was held in February in Florida and another in California in March. Three more are coming up.

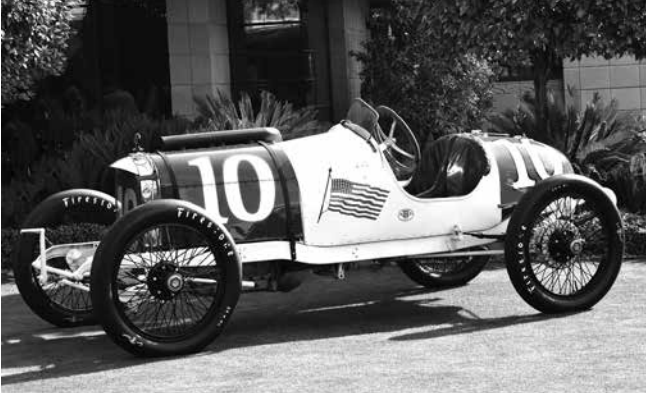
June 4, 2016

Hickory Corners, Michigan National Grand Classic

July 9, 2016 - Ohio Region Grand Classic

September 10, 2016 - Indiana Region Grand Classic

100 Years of the Indianapolis 500



1914 Duesenberg once raced by famed flying Ace Eddie Rickenbacker



1925 Miller Junior Eight – The first front-wheel-drive car to race in the Indianapolis 500. The supercharged Miller was driven to a second-place finish by Dave Lewis in 1925 at an average speed just over 100 miles per hour.



(left to right) Arie Luyendyk, Ryan Hunter-Reay, Dario Franchitti, Tom Sneva and Lyn St. James sign autographs



Lyn St. James, seven-time starter who, in 1992, became the first female driver to capture Rookie of the Year honors at the Brickyard, moderates the drivers panel, which was followed by an autograph session.



The actual Borg-Warner Trophy with portraits of Indy winners sculpted on its surface was on display in the lobby of the Frank Lloyd Wright inspired Biltmore Hotel

The third annual Arizona Concours d'Elegance took place on Sunday, January 24, 2016, at the Arizona Biltmore Resort in Phoenix. Leading off with an Indy 500 tribute celebration on Saturday, the 23rd, several significant Indy race-cars from the Hall of Fame Museum at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway were displayed on the hotel's front lawn. Also that morning, a panel of winning drivers led a discussion about racing at Indy and their own victories in the annual 500-mile competition: Tom Sneva, the 1983 Indy 500 winner, Arie Luyendyk, a two-time Indy victor (1990 and 1997), Dario Franchitti, four time IndyCar Series champion and three time winner of the 500 and Ryan Hunter-Reay, whose win in 2014 made him the first American to win since 2006. The moderator of the panel was another famed race driver, Lyn St. James, who competed seven times in the Indy 500.

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Award Winning

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Special Event

On Thursday July 28, 2016, the GIR will be making a tour of the Klairmont Kollection. Located in the city of Chicago, this collection is spread out over 150,000 sq. ft on two floors. This compilation of over 300 autos contains not only unusual and one-off models, there is also a re-creation of a 1930 Packard dealership and a California service station. It is a history of America and American automobiles from 1900 - 2000.



Thursday July 28, 2016

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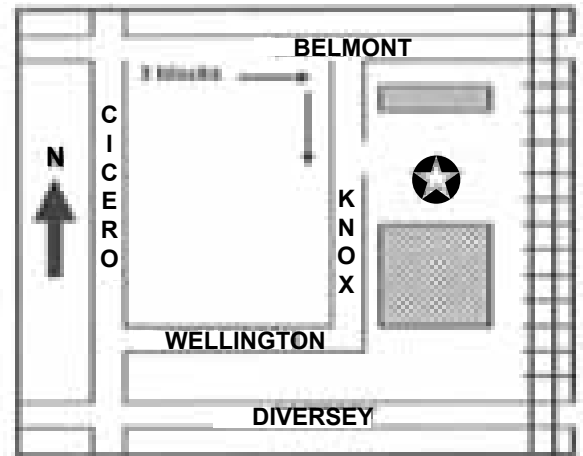
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Fee covers admission to the Klairmont Kollection only.

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