

# *UP TO SPEED*

Sept/Oct 2015

*Greater Illinois Region/CCCA*

*<http://gir.classiccarclub.org>*

*"Let's go for a ride"*

*M. Blevins, editor*

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*Annual Picnic*

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*...and more*



## ***Message from the Regional Director***

Hello members, it's been another great summer that has flown by faster than a speeding Duesenberg. Well at least that's the way it seems to me since this is the year those fortunate enough to attend the Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg reunion over Labor Day weekend will have an opportunity to see these tremendous beautiful brutes display the reason they're in a class all their own.

Hopefully this message will arrive in your mailbox in time for you to consider making plans to join hundreds of other car lovers in Auburn, Indiana for this annual festival of cars.

I also want to take a quick moment to mention that we are in the final phases of formulating a one day car tour in October. We look forward to stopping by a couple of private collections as well as touring a historical home. Keep your eyes peeled for a special invite coming soon.

As long as it's still summer and we are graced with beautiful weather I hope you all are finding activities that include giving your pampered toys some exercise before their long sleep this winter.

I know I will !

CORDially,  
*Russ Rodriguez,*  
GIRCCCA Regional Director



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**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. Not everyone owns a Classic, but everyone can join the fun!

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## **GIRCCCA 2015 Events**

**September 12 - Coffee & Chrome** - Iron Gate Motor Condos - 8 am - 11 am. Naperville - See invitation pg 6

**October - Fall Tour** - In the planning stages

**November 8 - Annual Dinner - Arlington Park**  
Details to be announced

### ***Other Events of Note***

**September 11-13 - Ephraim Hill Climb & Concours d'Elegance** - Ephraim, WI. Contact John Baker Welch 920-854-4455 for information. ephraimhillclimb.com

**September 27, 2015**  
**CCCA Rio Grande Region Grand Classic**

**September 25 – October 3, 2015**  
**CCCA Southern Hospitality Kentucky CARavan**

**September 13, 2015**  
**CCCA Pacific Northwest Concours d'Elegance**

**October 30 – November 1, 2015 - Motoring Festival & Concours d'Elegance - Hilton Head Island, SC**

Information on All CCCA events can be found on the website <http://classiccarclub.org>

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### **Cover Photo**

Featured Grand Classics prepare to take the field. Shown are Mark Smith's 1930 Packard 733 Roadster, Carl Turano's 1930 Packard 740 Custom Sedan, and a 1939 Cadillac Sedan owned by Jim Obremski.

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### ***From the Membership Desk***

We are in the process of updating the Membership Directory and would like to include photos of our members' cars. If you would like your car included, please email a photo of your car(s) to [k44kathy@cs.com](mailto:k44kathy@cs.com).

CCCA/GIR magnetic name badges are available for \$16.00 They are very handy for club events. Please email the exact name you would like on the badge to the above email or send the name(s) to Kathy Eckhart, 647 Darien Court, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169. Badges will be mailed to you.

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### ***JUST A REMINDER***

IF YOU MOVE .... please don't forget to give us your new address!

## Editor's Corner



By now I'm sure most of you have heard about the tiger that got loose and was roaming around Detroit's abandoned Packard Plant. Not a baseball player, but a real live full grown cat. Somehow it got loose during a photo shoot.

Packard manufactured cars there between 1903 and 1958. Currently abandoned and falling to ruin, the plant has been sold to a Peruvian developer with big plans for the 3.5 million square foot, 40 acre site. Among those plans are office space, his personal living space, a go-kart track, and an auto parts manufacturer. But with a 10 to 15 year renovation plan, it might be a while before this club can schedule a future Fall Tour there.

Maybe he should build something akin to a Mall of America for car enthusiasts. Wouldn't that be fun! Especially if they could turn loose a couple of Hawks and Panthers (of the Packard variety of course).

*Maureen*



*Yep, I could completely see me driving this. I told you I had good taste, didn't I?*

## Trivia

- 1,000,000,000 (billion) cars are in use on earth today
- 600,000 cars are sold in Southern California every year
- 165,000 cars are produced daily
- 30,000 parts are in an average car
- 12,636 auto thefts occurred in Chicago in 2013
- 8,876 dollars is the cost per year to own and maintain an average car in the U.S.
- 330 VW Beetles were sold on their first year in the U.S.
- 60 more miles is what most cars can drive once the fuel gauge shows empty
- 1/2 ounce of gasoline is what it takes to start a car - about a third of a shot glass.



- 30% of all cars sold in 2002 were SUVs
- 55% of the cars in the world in 1916 were Model T Fords, a record that has never been beaten.
- 56% of New York city residents do NOT own a car
- 70% of all Rolls Royce cars ever built are still on the road today
- 80% of a car is recyclable
- 95% of a car's life is spent parked

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*Annual GIRCCCA/POC PICNIC - July 19, 2015*



*Ray and Gail Bacci of the Packard Club were there early, covering picnic tables and making sure everything was in order*



*Roger Eckhart also arrived early and put out signs directing cars into the reserved parking lot*



*Once again Bud Schweppé's order for perfect weather came through and it couldn't have been better! The day was sunny and warm, with a wonderful breeze blowing through the pavilion that kept everyone comfortable.*



*Richard Penkava generously donated his services as cook, grilling everything to perfection*



*As always, there was an abundance of wonderful food. So many dishes, so little time...*

*Annual GIRCCCA/POC PICNIC - July 19, 2015*



*It's always fun to scope out the parking lot at these events. From Buick to Willys, Volkswagons to Corvettes, and everything in between, these members love their cars!*

*MOTORS & MUSIC at Arlington Race Track - August 1, 2015*



*Like horses getting ready for the race, the cars line up, ready to move into the park.*



*Kathy Eckhart and Emily Taylor help with registration while Tom Roche rounds 'em up and moves 'em out.*



*While Wilma Morris relaxes in style and comfort her husband Bill Morris shows off his style*



*Lee Gurvey's 1932 Lincoln*

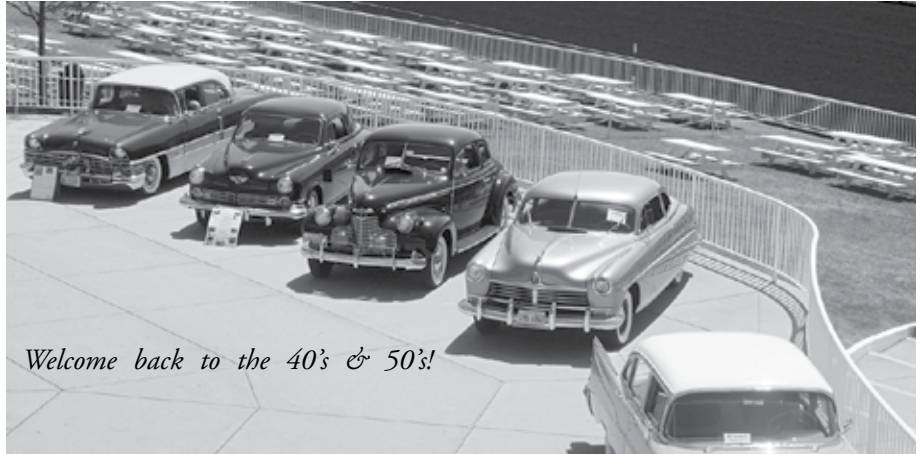


*(top to bottom) Mark Smith, Carl Turano and Judy Kelley wait for the go-ahead*

*MOTORS & MUSIC at Arlington Race Track - August 1, 2015*



*Beth Alderson and the Arlington crew got everyone parked in the right spot*



*Welcome back to the 40's & 50's!*



*Here come the 'Vettes*



*An appropriately - named band called The Rockin' Fenderskirts entertains*



*A Stanley Steamer owned by Mike Roach and a pair of Classic Packards overlook one end of the Paddock area just inside the park entrance, while a 1936 two door Chrysler Imperial Airflow (Rex Barrett) and a 1939 Model 61 Cadillac Sedan (Jim Obremski) overlook the other*



*Jockeys Constantino Roman, Jerome Lermyte and Michael Wright spend some time inspecting Carl Turano's Packard*



*And the winner is...*

# You're invited for Chrome and Coffee

**Saturday, September 12 8:00 am - 11:00 am**  
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**If the weather is good, drive your car over and enjoy the morning. If not, bring a picture!**

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**RSVP to Russ Rodriguez**  
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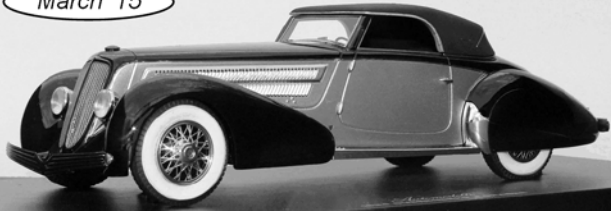
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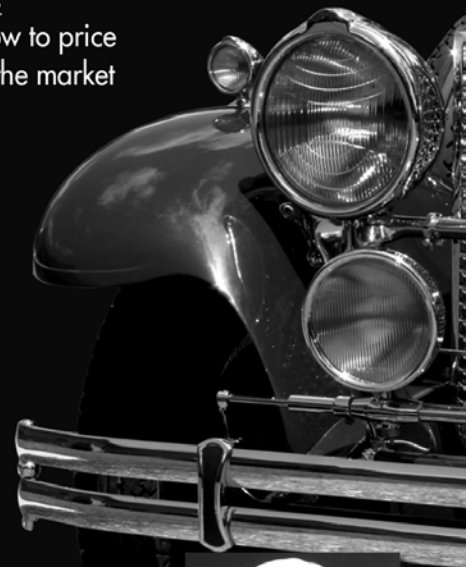
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