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"Let's go for a ride"

M. Blevins, editor

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1929 Duesenberg Model J
2 door Murphy Roadster
Owned by the Hedburn Family Trust

Message from the Regional Director

Looking back it has been a very successful year for GIRCCCA activities. We started out with a great Valentine's get together at Drury Lane for dinner and the play Sunset Boulevard, thanks to BOD member Bud Schweppe. Next came Behind the Scenes with a tour of Reuben Taylor's shop in Chicago, followed by a visit to Columbia Model & Exhibit Works, known for their intricately detailed architectural scale models. Then it was off to Cooper Technica to view some exotic cars under construction & a great lunch at Salerno's.

Nationally, in May the Re-Discover America CCCA Caravan started in New York City's Times Square and ended at the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the historic Lincoln Highway.

The Annual Father's Day Show at Oak Brook Mall was a big success in spite of the construction which limited the number of cars.

The picnic was held in conjunction with the POC at Cantigny in a private pavilion. Over 80 people attended! Thanks to John Paxson (POC), and BOD Members Bud Schweppe and Roger Eckhart for a job well done putting this together.

Next up is our Fall Tour, Sept. 20-22 to the Peoria area. Yes, the fall colors will be changing. Where did the summer go? Bill Hexamer has put in a lot of work putting this together, caravanning down to Starved Rock for lunch, a breathtaking drive along the Illinois river, tours through Caterpillar, car museums, and dining at the beautiful Peoria Country Club, among other things. BOD member Dan Sobczyk has assisted Bill in setting this up. Try not to miss this one.

Bob and Sheila Joynt are coordinating our final event - the Annual Dinner in November, with a tour through Driehaus Museum in Chicago, to be followed by dining in the area.

See you on the fall tour. You've still got a little time to get the cars ready.

Tom Roche,
GIRCCCA Regional
Director



GIRCCCA 2013 Events

September 20, 21, 22 Fall Tour

Peoria, IL - Bill Hexamer/ Dan Sobczyk If you want to join us but haven't made reservations call Bill 309-360-7870 NOW!

Sunday, November 10 Annual Dinner plus Driehaus Mansion, Chicago (Details TBA)

Bob & Sheila Joynt/Tom Roche This is going to be a great outing - so mark your calendars NOW - final details will be forthcoming.



Our 60 year Award - We're working on finding a permanent spot to display it.

About Our Cover Car -

from the Barrington Concours

The J model was the first car introduced after E.L. Cord acquired Duesenberg in 1926, making it's debut in 1928.

A twin cam straight eight engine designed by Duesenberg and manufactured by Lycoming (also owned by Cord) it produced 265 hp with a top speed of 119 mph. The bodywork was always custom made by outside firms. In 1929 Murphy was commissioned to fabricate the Roadster body - a popular choice on this chassis. A true luxury car, the chassis alone cost \$8500, more than most people's annual income.

The original owner was Carolyn J. Cooper of Beaver Falls, PA. This car has always been owned by a women - the current owner being the fourth woman to own the car, which is mostly in original condition and has 33,00 miles.

Annual Picnic - Sunday, July 19, 2013

The weather was HOT - perfect for a summer picnic. About 85 people turned out for the Annual Picnic. The Packard Club provided the burgers and dogs and the grill cooks. GIRCCCA provided drinks, paper goods and a nice cake to commemorate our 60 years as a club. The only entry fee required was a dish to pass and was that ever a success! It's amazing that so many people can bring a dish and not have any duplicates! EVERYone who attended had a good time and plenty of delicious food to eat.

It was nice to relax and mingle with the other members and get to know some new people from both clubs. And of course the gardens at Cantigny were lovely as always. I saw some of the group waiting to tour the McCormick mansion - a beautiful place with an interesting history. I took another trip through time over at the Division 1 Museum - ALWAYS fascinating! They were printing dog tags that day for anyone who wanted to purchase one. All in all, a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon!



Sheila and Bob Joynt arrive in style!



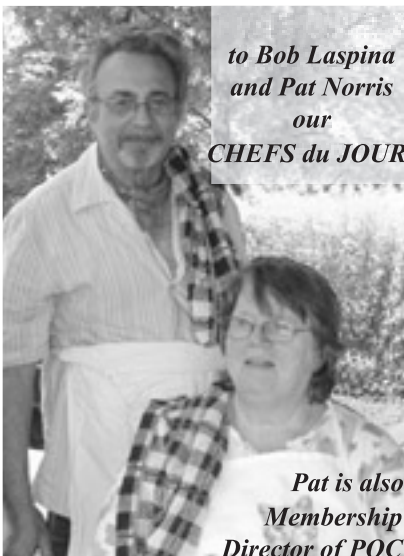
*proudly display our award -
with a cake to celebrate!*



*Russ Rodriguez showed up in his
Glen Prey 1935 Auburn Speedster*



*Bud Schweppe
John Maxson, POC Roger Eckhart
The crew responsible for a great day!*



*to Bob Laspina
and Pat Norris
our
CHEFS du JOUR!*

*Ooops! No, he doesn't
have a twin*



*It's CARL Turano in his
favorite straw hat!*



*Pat is also
Membership
Director of POC*



Another head turner



Jack Runnfeldt's elegant ride



The perfect summer ride - a Classic convertible



Vintage dog tag machine



POC Director Ray Bacci

Barrington Concours d'Elegance

The Makray Memorial Golf Club was the setting for the Barrington Concours the weekend of July 12 - 14 where several club members had cars on display, including Russ Rodriguez with his Plymouth Hawk and Paul TerHorst showing an unrestored Corvette. In 2014, this Legends and Legacies event will move to Northerly Island (formerly known as Meigs Field) in downtown Chicago.

Congratulations to club members who received awards:



European Renaissance: European Post-War Best in Class:
1952 Aston Martin Lagonda Drop Head Coupe, *Paul Knowlton*
Award of Distinction: 1920 Vauxhall D Type, *Robert Lederer*
Haute Couture: European Post-War Best in Class:
1938 Bugatti T-57, *Herbert E. Brumder*
Before the War: American Pre-War Best in Class:
1931 Chrysler CG Imperial, *Mark Hyman*.

Best of Show

1935 Avions Voisin
Type C25 Aérodyne
Owner, Peter Mullin



Rare 1926 Packard Sport Phaeton Barn Find Going to Auction

The owner of a rare 1926 Packard Sport Phaeton with a custom Pullman body has decided to put it up for auction. D. Powless of Illinois has owned the car for about a year and has done some interior work but a stubborn ring and piston problem is proving more than she can handle. When originally discovered by O. DeWayne Davis, the car had been sitting for 60 years in a barn in Northern Virginia. The RM Hershey auction is scheduled for October 11, 2013.



Geneva Concours d'Elegance

August 24th was the date of this event in the heart of downtown Geneva, IL.

A number of members and their cars were spotted including Carl Turano, Bill Hexamer, Mark Smith, Dan and Darlene Sobczyk, Bob and Sheila Joynt, Art Swanson, and Dave Watts.

The streets were packed with

people enjoying the cars on display and with cars running the gamut from steamers to concept cars, there was plenty to enjoy! I don't know how the judges do it -





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Editor's Corner



Can you believe it? Summer is nearly over. But autumn brings us 'Indian Summer' and hopefully lots of nice warm sunny days, perfect for taking long, leisurely drives. Which brings up the subject of the Fall Tour.

The area around Starved Rock and the drive along the Illinois River Valley should be stunning this time of year, no matter what kind of car you're driving! Fall is my absolute favorite time of year anyway, with sunny days, cool nights, and those beautiful fall colors!

There are still some car shows to attend before settling in and getting ready for the upcoming cold spell. So get out and enjoy this beautiful weather while it's still around!

Maureen



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