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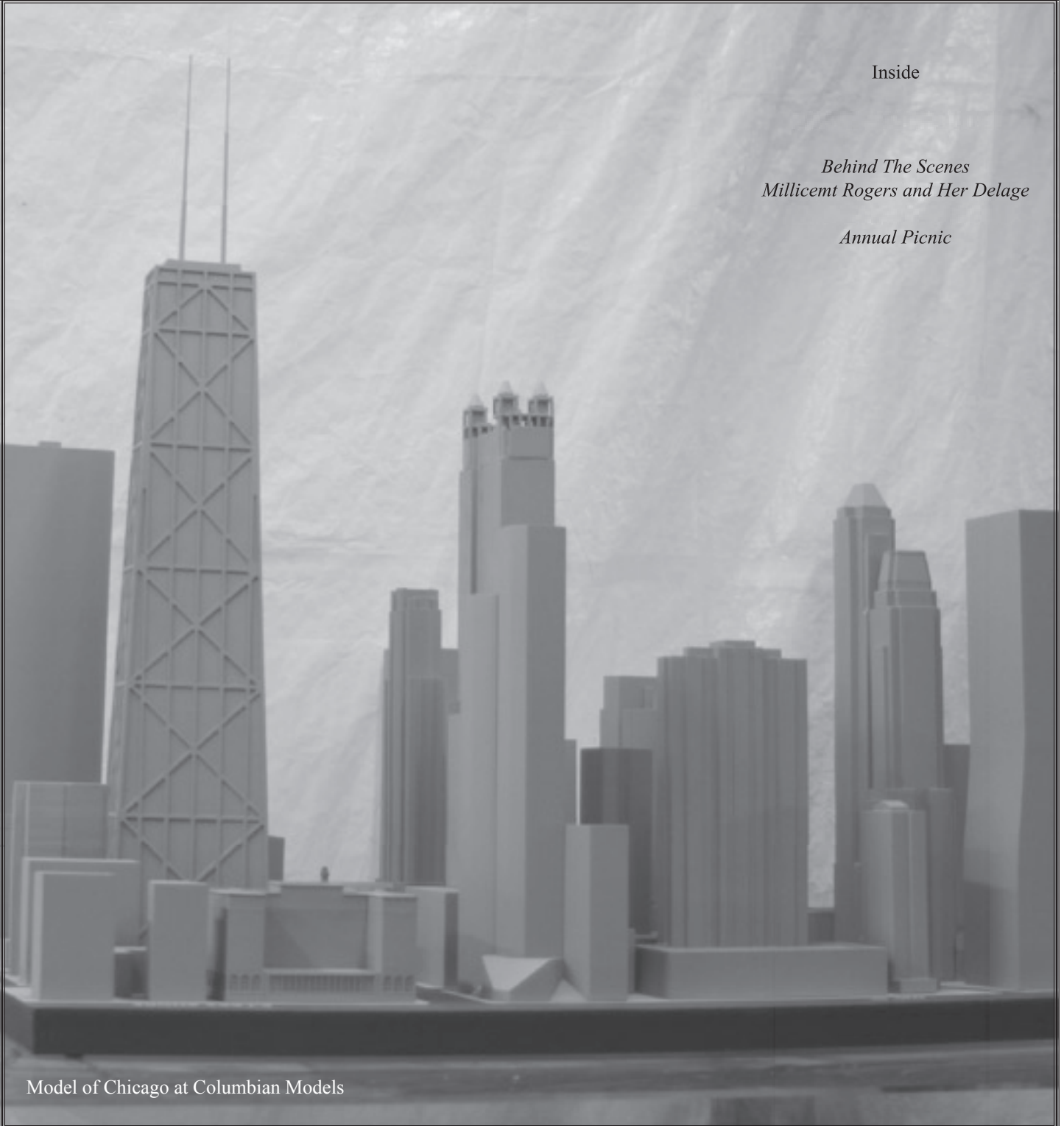
"Let's go for a ride"

M. Blevins, editor

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Message from the Regional Director

Spring has at last arrived which means the flowers are blooming, the grass and trees are turning green and it's time to uncover the classic cars and get them ready for another exciting year.

Our Behind The Scenes this year was a real success, with over 100 people attending. Clubs in attendance were: GIRCCCA, POC (Packard Club of Chicago), LOC (Lincoln Owners Club), AACA Silver Springs Chapter, and Naper A's.

A special thanks to Reuben & Emily Taylor, and Russ from Cooper Technica.

Our next event is the Father's Day Show, on June 16, 2013. They have changed the size of the area used to display the cars. We use to show between 120-125 cars. This year we will be restricted to about 2/3 of that. We want this to be a real special show, so get your applications in early. We need volunteers to help park the cars, etc. Please contact Russ Rodriguez at russ.rod@sbcglobal.net, or by phone: 630-767-900

and let him know what areas you would like to help with.

See you at the Father's Day Show!



Tom Roche,
GIRCCCA
Regional Director



Greater Illinois Region Welcomes New Members

Robert Reinhold, Theodore Wagner, Rick Mullen, J. Halloran, and Kent Shodeen

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events!

GIRCCCA 2013 Events

Sunday, June 16 Father's Day Show

Oak Brook

Russ Rodriguez

Sunday, July 21 Annual Picnic

Cantigny 11 am - 3 pm

Paul TerHorst/Tom Roche

September 20, 21, 22 Fall Tour

Peoria, IL - Stay tuned for details

Bill Hexamer/ Dan Sobczyk

Sunday, November 10 Annual Dinner

Dreihaus Mansion, Chicago (Details TBA)

Bob & Sheila Joynt/Tom Roche

Other Events of Note

CCCA National Rediscover America

CARavan May 4 - 26

(Will be in Geneva, IL May 9 & 10)

More info @ ClassicCarClub.org / 847-390-0443

Lincoln Highway Association 100th

Anniversary Tour June 21 - 30 Tours leaving from New York City and San Francisco will meet in Kearney, NB for the annual conference and Centennial Celebration. Reservations & Info @ 330-418-3980

Barrington Concours July 12 - 14

Makray Memorial Golf Club, Barrington

More info @ www.barringtonconcours.org / 847-381-4291

Geneva Concours d'Elegance August 25

Downtown business district - historic Geneva.,IL

More information at www.genevaconcours.net

Or John Barrett 630-584-3107

Remember! Anyone participating in the Rediscover America Caravan, the Lincoln Highway tour, showing at a Concours, or if you receive any awards, please let Maureen know. We'd like to mention it in an upcoming newsletter!

GIR TURNS 60

- Carrol Jensen

This year the CCCA Annual meeting was held in sunny, warm southern California, and it was fantastic! The host hotel was the elegant and historic Langham located at the edge of Pasadena. Its grand Classic era styling was the perfect location for our event.

Unfortunately, Carl and I could not arrive for the first day of the event and missed out on the trip to the Nethercutt collection. Although we have been to Nethercutt previously, it is worth a return trip if you are a fan of early cars as we are. We did however get to tour the Mullin Collection. This private, but world famous collection, is an amazing assembly of French Classics. The main floor of this 47,000 square foot facility is set up like the glamorous 1930s Paris auto shows. Cars such as Delahaye, Bugatti, Delage, Voison, Hispano Suiza and Talbot-Lago grace the floor and turntables. The second level, which is open to the lower main floor, is set up to look like the pits of Le Mans. The main walkway is set up to look like the straight away at the track that goes under the famous Dunlop bridge. Along the LeMans pits are assorted sleek French Classic era race cars such as Bugatti, Delage and others. Every person who entered was in awe.

At the Regional Award banquet, held on Friday night, I was proud to accept the 60th Anniversary award for the Greater Illinois Region. GIR members Joe and Angela Cantore were there to present the Cantore Family Award to Vicky Zeiger, Regional Director of the San Diego/Palm Springs Region. Everyone was pleased to see Joe and Angela then receive the **Citation For Distinguished Service**. This award is presented by the National Board of Directors to the member(s) that have distinguished themselves through exceptional leadership, vivid imagination and rare organizational ability, inspiring their associates through a concerted effort toward the fulfillment of worthwhile Club goals. A well deserved honor.

Saturday's Grand Classic was held on the beautiful hotel grounds. It was an outstanding collection of about 60 cars, including five Duesenbergs. One of the very unusual cars on the lawn was a steam powered Doble roadster.



Carrol Jensen accepts the award on behalf of the Greater Illinois Region from CCCA President David Schultz

A personal favorite was a bright yellow 1925 Mercer Raceabout, glistening under the bright sun. In fact, it just felt great to be there under that southern California sunshine looking at great Classics with friends. We are already looking forward to next year's annual meeting in Naples, Florida; please join us!

Joe and Angela Cantore present the Cantore Family Award to Vicky Zeiger, Regional Director of the San Diego/Palm Springs Region

Behind the Scenes - Sunday, April 7, 2013

The morning was off to a great start as people started arriving at **Reuben Taylor's shop**, where Mark Smith signed us in and a delicious welcome breakfast was laid out for all comers. Many thanks to Jean Roche, Darlene Sobczyk, Kathy Eckhart, Genevieve Angeli, Emily Taylor and Connie (from Reuben's shop) for getting up early and working so hard! It was great ladies!

Combined with the other groups that joined us, we had an impressive turnout of over 100 people! After breakfast, we were divided into groups for tours through Reuben's shop and then up to **Columbian Models**. Reuben, whose grandfather helped build the engine for the Wright Brothers, is a true craftsman, manufacturing whatever parts he cannot locate in efforts to restore some of the automobiles that pass through his shop. His brother Laurent was also on hand to help answer questions.

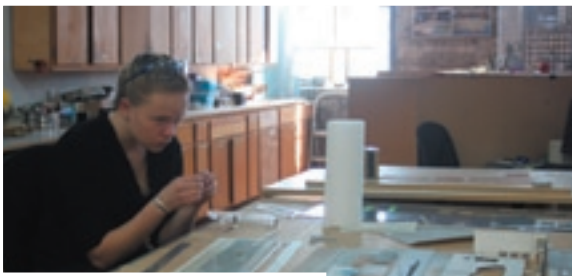
Moving upstairs, via the very large, very old elevator, we were then taken through **Columbian Models**, where Cathy Tinker and her staff provided us with a fascinating overview of how they build cities in miniature. Although they generally stick to architectural models of buildings, one of their upcoming projects is to build a replica of the Mars Rover.

Only a short drive away, **Cooper Technica** also opened its doors to us for an eye-opening tour of the restoration business where we got to see some very rare autos - both before and after restoration. Russ Mangialardi and the staff of Cooper Technica were very informative as they walked us through the shop, answered our questions and presented an outstanding slide show, detailing the restoration of one of the rarest of automobiles - a 1937 DeLage Coupe originally owned by Millicent Rogers.

The final stop of the day was a short two blocks away for some great Italian food at Salerno's. Not everyone made it over for lunch, but those who did had a very nice time sharing stories and getting to know some of the 'Behind the Scene' guests from the other groups.

Overheard: "This was one of the best Behind The Scene Tours we've ever had!"
A great big **thank you** to Tom Roche for organizing the day! It was a full and most enjoyable outing!



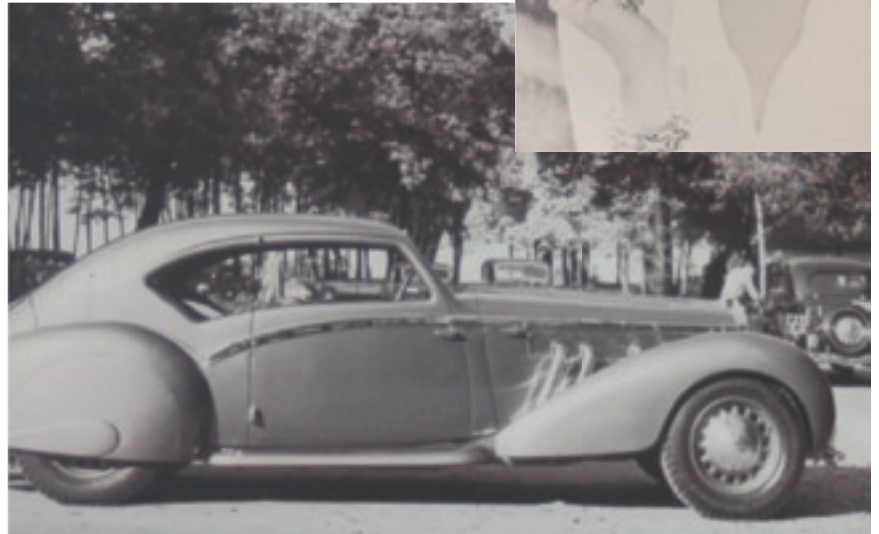
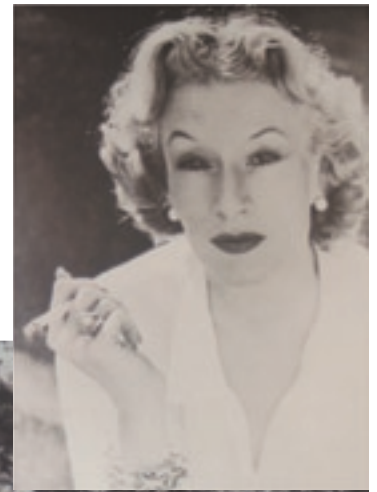


Millicent Rogers and Her DELAGE

I don't know which is more fascinating - the story of Millicent Rogers or the story of how David Cooper came to find her car. Millicent was born in 1902 to Mary and Henry Huttleston Rogers II, the son of the Standard Oil Millionaire. Although a bout with rheumatic fever left her a sickly child, she nonetheless lived an adventuresome life, having three husbands, three sons, and numerous affairs with the likes of Roald Dahl, Clark Gable, Ian Fleming and the Prince of Wales. She was equally well known in gossip columns, fashion magazines, and upper echelon social circles. Her flair for fashion carried over into jewelry, and she often designed and made her own pieces.

Much of her life was spent in Europe, but after falling in love with the New Mexican landscape, she purchased a home in Taos, jetting between there and the East Coast. Believing that Southwestern Indian culture was a part of America's heritage that had to be recognized and preserved, she gathered a stellar collection of Native American jewelry and textiles.

In 1956, three years after her death, her family founded the Millicent Rogers Museum, which has become one of America's most important resources for the study of southwestern art and design.



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David Cooper spent several years rebuilding vintage race cars before deciding he wanted to restore luxury automobiles.

A lead from a broker led him on a five year chase for records to prove the authenticity of what he had purchased - a 1937 Delage D8-120 Aerosport Coupe, one of only 12 made and the last of its kind to have wipers operated by an overhead switch. The one owned by Millicent Rogers.

The car's parts were spread across three countries; the body was in London; the mechanicals in Lyon, France; and a few parts were in boxes in a garage near Geneva, Switzerland. He decided to open his own garage in Lyon, where craftsmen familiar with the Delage could restore the car properly.

Meeting with Millicent's children provided more information and more proof that this was indeed her car. Most photos had been lost in a flood, but a couple of negatives turned up dating to 1939 and were good enough to help with identification. With her artistic eye, Rogers once drew on the car with her lipstick, indicating the changes she wanted made.

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Editor's Corner



Nothing screams 'road trip' more than long, lazy summer days. Tom and Jean Roche will be joining Reuben and Emily Taylor on the road trip of a lifetime as part of the CCCA CARavan, making the entire tour

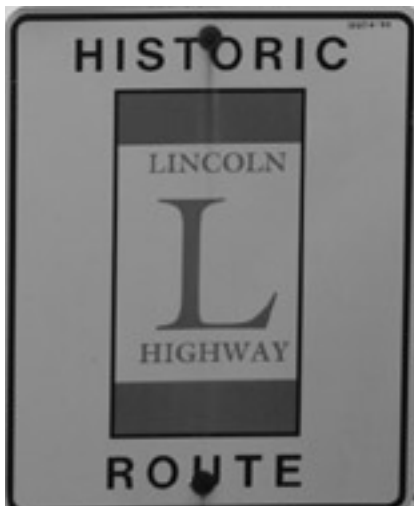
- from Times Square to the City by the Bay. I just know they are going to have some stories to tell when they get back!

But you don't have to go all the way to the West Coast to have a road trip. There are any number of backroads here in the Midwest that provide relaxing drives through the countryside for the perfect opportunity to enjoy the long days, the pastoral scenes and the warm weather. So shake out those dusters, don those goggles, grab a picnic basket and hit the road. Summer only lasts so long!

Speaking of summer, we have our two most popular summer events coming up - the Father's Day Car Show at Oakbrook and the annual picnic in July. This year the picnic will be held at the lovely Cantigny Park where the gardens, the McCormick Mansion and the First Division Museum are all first rate! So save the back-to-back insert - tack it to your bulletin board or your fridge as a reminder.

See you there!

Maureen



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GIRCCCA ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2013
10 AM - 6 PM
OAK BROOK CENTER, OAKBROOK, IL

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REMEMBER: The show must go on - Rain or Shine!

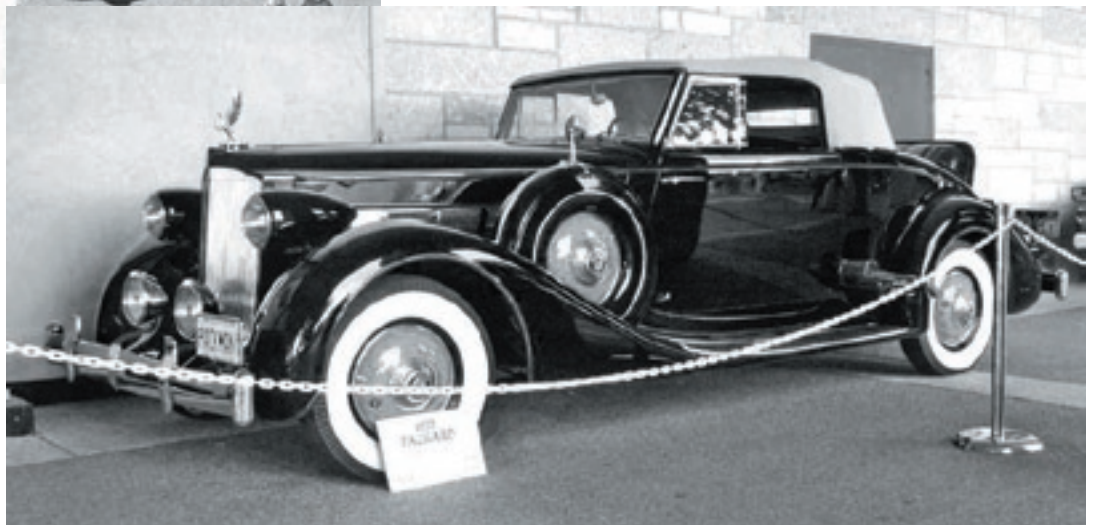


If you would like to show your Classic and have not yet submitted your application, please do so ASAP! If you need an application - email **Russ Rodriguez** at russ.rod@sbcglobal.net or give him a call at **630-767-9000**.

Also anyone who is interested in helping out at the show, please give Russ a call!

This is a great show in a great location - Hundreds of people come out to view the cars and shop the mall. Exhibitors **MUST** arrive between 7:30 and 9:30 am and remain until 6 p.m.

Not exhibiting? It's a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon! Exhibitors **MUST** arrive between 7:30 am. and 9:30 a.m. and remain until 6 p.m.

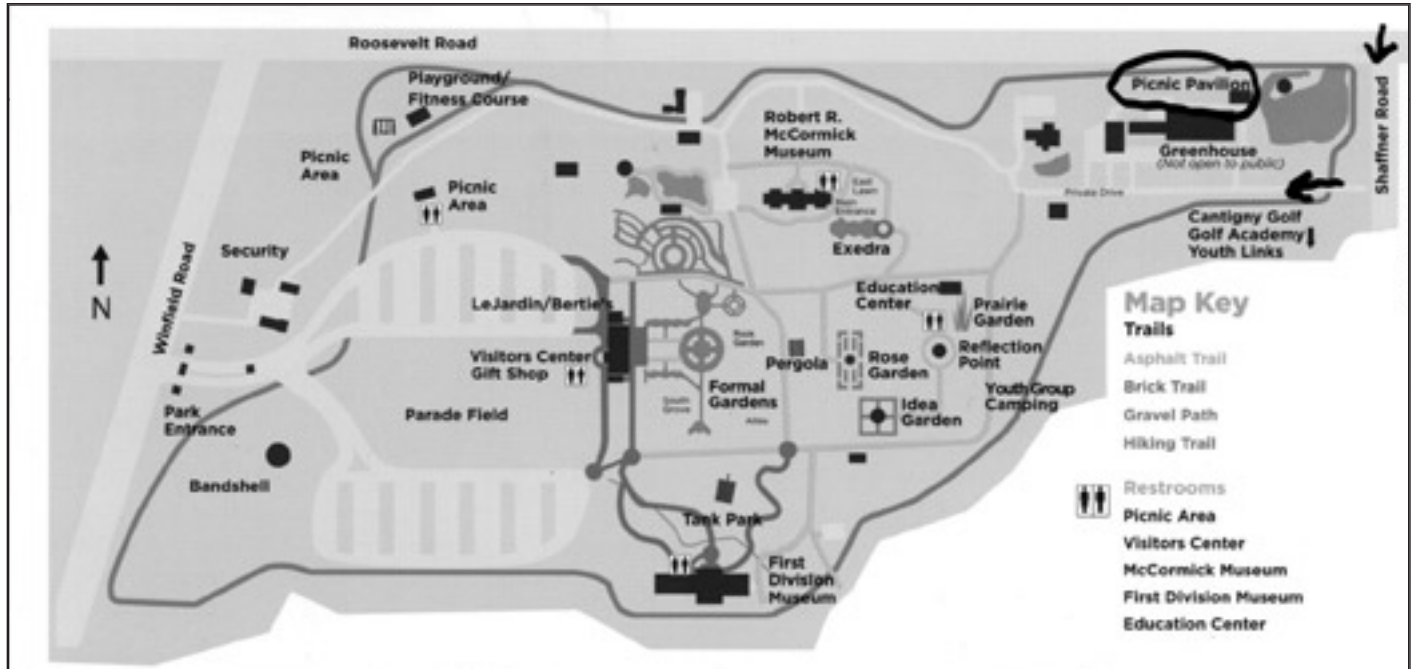


Photos of 2012 show
Courtesy of Dave Nevers

YOU'RE INVITED

GIRCCCA ANNUAL PICNIC

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2013
11 AM - 3 PM
CANTIGNY PARK, WHEATON, IL



DO's Please arrive and exit the picnic pavilion area during the designated time of 11 am - 3 pm via Shaffner Road (1S050 Shaffner Road, Wheaton, IL 60189). **Do Not use the Main Entrance.** All guests should park in the Cantigny Greenhouse parking lot (on the right after entering through the Shaffner Road entrance).

Bring a Dish to Pass

and We have access to 70 parking spaces. Vehicles are only permitted in the Greenhouse parking lot and are **not** allowed on grass or pathways. Alcohol is permitted but must remain at the Picnic Pavilion.

No kegs are allowed, so this year it is **BYOB**.

No alcohol allowed in the park beyond the pavilion.

DONT'S No pets are allowed.

No fishing is allowed.

Park hours are 7 am – sunset

Restrooms are available in the Cantigny Greenhouse

and Cantigny's hiking trail runs behind the Pavilion, and is open to Pavilion guests.

We will have access to the Gardens, the Mansion, the First Division Museum and the Hiking Trail

RSVP to Roger Eckhart at 847-885-2512.

ETC. Once again we are meeting up with the Packard Club for our picnic, which is providing the cooks!

We provide the meat, so we need a head count.

Although alcohol is permitted, kegs are not, so if you want wine or beer, please bring your own.