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Todd and Amber Tobiasz' 1931 Cadillac with Larry Hassel and Yolande Wood at the Annual Meeting

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Happy New Year everyone! I hope the New Year brings you the best of everything!

The dawn of a New Year is a time to reflect upon the year just past, but more importantly, a time to look ahead to what the New Year will bring. I think you will agree that 2019 was a fun year of activities in the Spirit of St. Louis Region – CCCA, and I promise even more fun in the coming year. As tradition will have it, we'll begin the New Year with the Annual Membership Kick-off Meeting on Saturday, February 1, 2020, at Hyman Ltd. Classic Cars (more inside). This event is one of the most popular activities of the year and for good reason.....Mark and Shawn always have an unbelievable selection of pre and post-war Classic, Special Interest and Vintage automobiles in their eclectic and ever-changing collection, and you just may find that special treasure you've always been looking for, so.....don't forget your checkbook! In March the ever popular Spirit Nights will commence, and these gatherings at a popular restaurant or pub are a great way to catch up with friends, and promote fellowship among our members a major tenet of our Club's Mission.

If you're a baseball fan like me, you'll remember the famous saying of Chicago Cubs Hall of Famer Ernie Banks who would opine during the long, hot days of summer....."it's a beautiful day for a ballgame, let's play two." In

the spirit of Ernie Banks, I would change some of the wording a bit, and also substitute the word 'tour' for 'ballgame' and offer "it's a beautiful spring, summer or fall day for a tour, let's do two." One idea for a great tour has been suggested already, and we just need to finalize some things. Got an idea for another? Share it with us...let's do two.

This is the time of year to renew your membership to both the National CCCA and SSR, so if you haven't yet done so, please put it at the top of your list..... Todd, our membership chair is not anything like the demon barber Sweeney Todd, but let's keep him happy nonetheless.

And finally, I'd like to welcome John Groll, Barb Knudsen and Bob Radel, newly elected to the SSR Board of Managers...they, along with the other members of the Board and Officers, will continue the work of making our Region the best that it can be!

John



Todd Tobiasz, John Lowell and Bob Radel at the Kirberg Event. Larry Hassel Photo.

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Across the Editor's Desk

It feels just like “another opening of another show” but the beginning of 2020 means the opening of many shows and events for members of the Spirit of St. Louis Region CCCA. Although the articles and pictures in this edition remind us of the last great and fun meetings we had at the end of 2019, January means that there is only a few weeks before the Annual Membership Kick-Off meeting at Hyman’s that we all look forward to each year. We all look forward to Mark and Shawn’s wonderful and generous hospitality and Shawn’s excellent and detailed report on the Classic Car Auctions in Scottsdale, Arizona. Of course, I don’t need to mention the fabulous display of cars of all types available for sale at Hyman’s, LTD. Don’t miss it. Last year was a busy and very successful year for our region in a number of ways but at the beginning of a new year let’s think about how we might make 2020 even better.

I hope this will be the year I get one or two of our Classic’s out and moving after too many years of sitting in the garage. I also hope that many of you will take every opportunity to get your Classics out to join in the tours, shows and activities offered to us in this great Classic and Antique Automobile community in which we live. Check out the calendar on the back page and start planning your year of learning, fun and fellowship with every in this club. >>indicates an official SSR and CCCA event.

Don’t forget that the deadline for Spark Plug submissions is 20 February, 2020.



Myrna brought some nice flowers to help decorate the Annual Meeting dinner in November.




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Membership Musings



As the old year winds down and the New Year ramps up it is customary for us to take stock of the progress we've made in the flotsam and jetsam of life. Hobbies and extracurricular activities contribute to our mental health. So as we are making our resolutions for the New Year it's fair to ask if we are getting what we want from our membership in the CCCA. There are many facets to membership - whether it is spending time among the works of art that are the Classics, learning more about the history and pedigree of our Classics, or connecting with people who also enjoy Classics.

Arguably the most popular activity on the Spirit Region calendar of events is the membership kickoff event at Hyman Ltd. It is always very well attended. Probably because this event seems to hit many of those facets. Lots of great Classics and lots of people who appreciate them. While you may still be deciding how to best enjoy SSR

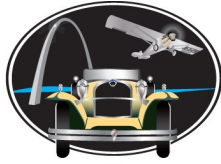
membership, make a point of joining members and guests of the Spirit Region on February 1 at Hyman Ltd. near Westport. Mark and Shawn are very welcoming. They always manage to have a variety of automobiles that are great conversation starters. So, come out. Bring a friend. Meet others. Resolve to get a Classic out on the road whenever you find nice weather. Or start thinking about what Classic might fit your personality and take the plunge ... or plunge again.

Congratulations to Dr. Richard Quick on being chosen for the Olson award for his many contributions to the Classic automobile hobby, maintaining and driving a wide variety of cars. And passing the passion to a third generation.

Lastly don't forget dues renewal. I think National is cutting down on the number of reminders. I'll start following up shortly to remind those who haven't renewed. Renew on-line or if you would rather have the paper form sent again, drop me a line at ttobiasz@sbcglobal.net or call me at 314-540-2431 and I'll get the form out to you. See you at Hyman's!



Todd Tobiasz Annual Meeting photo.



Spirit of St. Louis Region
Classic Car Club of America

Come see what's new with the SSR – CCCA... Come see what's new at Hyman LTD.!



Annual Membership Kick-off Meeting

Saturday, February 1, 2020 • 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Since 1989 Hyman Ltd. Classic Cars has been internationally known as a purveyor of fine pre- and post-war antique, Classic and special interest automobiles. From the Scottsdale Auctions to Classic sales in Europe and even television shows, Mark Hyman and his crew are well known in car collecting circles worldwide.

We encourage you to bring family and friends to this annual event! You will hear about the state of the collector car market and see the recent acquisitions in the collection. Find out what our Club has been up to and what we will be doing in 2020. And weather permitting, drive your Classic.

*"We are pleased to once again host the Annual Kick-off Meeting
and look forward to seeing you again..."* – Mark Hyman

Hyman Ltd. Classic Cars, 2310 Chafee Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63146

2019 Spirit of St. Louis Region CCCA Annual Meeting

The SSR Annual meeting was held on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at the National Museum of Transportation in west St. Louis County on the upper level.

Check-in and social hour began at 12 noon. Guests had free roam of the museum to examine the numerous automobiles and artifacts in the collection. Regional Director John Lowell welcomed the 43 Members and one guest and called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. John reviewed the 2019 events, including the Hyman Annual Kick-off Meeting, Spirit Nights, Tours and Spirit speakers. Willie Weber offered an inspiring opening prayer, and the dinner was served.

At 2:15 PM John introduced the guest speaker, Andrew Weil, the Executive Director of Landmarks Association. Andrew gave an interesting talk about the preservation of important buildings in the St. Louis area using historical imagery. After the presentation (3:00 PM), John thanked the out-going Board of Managers members. John then introduced the 2020 Leadership Team:

At 3:20 PM John announced the 2020 Election Results. The current officers of the Club were re-elected to their respective positions. Before announcing the election results for the new incoming Board Members, John thanked the outgoing Board Members who have completed their 3-year terms, including Barb Knudsen, John Groll and Todd Tobiasz. John then announced the election results for the new incoming Board Members. The new members elected to 3-year Board terms include Barb Knudsen, John Groll and Bob Radel.

John presented the Participation Awards. The top award, which includes paid Annual Dues and Annual Meeting Dinner, was presented to Wendell Smith. The second award, which includes a paid Annual Meeting Dinner, was given to John Gibson. Nine members were noted for Honorable Mention in participation, which included Bob and Sonia Abbott, Robert Bruce, Jim and Trish Gormley, John Groll, Larry Hassel, Rob and Lauren Hosenfelt, Dave Stephens, Todd and Amber Tobiasz and Kevin and Caro Williams. John presented the Director's Award to Bob Abbott.

On behalf of Shannon Olson and the Olson family who could not be present, John Lowell presented the The Richard H. Olson Member of Excellence Award (an Annual Award endowed by the Olson family) to Dr. Richard Quick in recognition of continued support of the Club's activities. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.



The beautiful desert table enhanced with flowers brought by Myrna Schild.



Willie Weber, Fred Weber and Bob Radel, some of the stalwart members who make our region special.





Director John Lowell was the Master of Ceremonies.



Top award winners John Gibson, Bob Abbott and Wendell Smith alongside our Director John Lowell



Our speaker, Andrew Weill, Director of Landmarks Association of St. Louis.



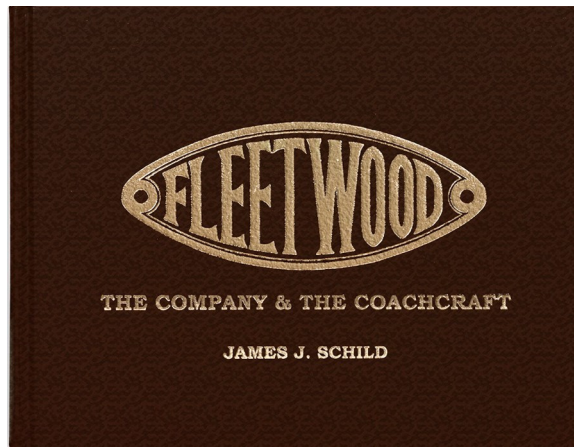
John Groll presented a gift of appreciation to our Director John Lowell



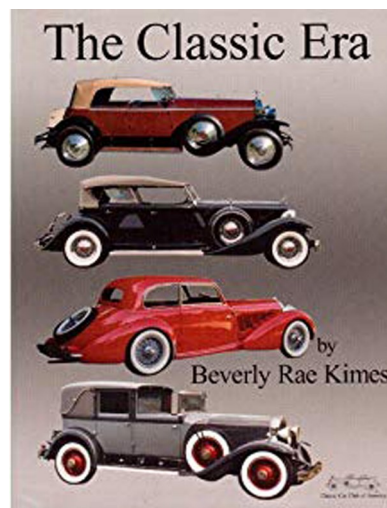
Three generations of the Quick family, all the best of Classic Car enthusiasts. Richard, Thomas and Cayden. The Richard H. Olson Member of Excellence Award went to a very deserving Richard Quick.



THE CLASSIC BOOKSHELF



The SSR Region proudly announces a re-issue of the book *Fleetwood, The Company and The Coachcraft*, by Region member James J. Schild. Long out of print, and a must for all Classic Car enthusiasts, the book is printed on high quality paper, and is the authoritative work on Fleetwood coachwork supplied to the finest American and European car manufacturers. Awarded the prestigious **Maurice Hendry Award** for excellence in journalistic contributions by the Cadillac & La Salle Club in 2012, and the **Thomas McKean Memorial Cup** by the Antique Automobile Club of America in 2013. Brown leatherette cover with gold foil stamping, 464 pages, 1100 b/w illustrations. \$99.50 postpaid. International buyers, please contact us for a shipping quote. Order your copy today from the SSR Region via email at ssr.ccca@yahoo.com, or via our webstore at www.spiritccca.com.



The SSR has a limited supply of the award winning book, *The Classic Era*, by the late Beverly Rae Kimes, available for sale. Hardcover, 8-1/2 x 11, 720 Pages. The top and bottom cover Classics are owned by SSR members. These books are brand new and a must for the Classic Car enthusiast. \$50.00. To reserve a copy, contact Bob Radel at 314-991-3590.

Doug and Joanne Kirberg's Annual Salvation Army Tree of Lights Benefit Event

The annual Salvation Army Tree of Lights Campaign celebration was again held at Kirberg's Car Barn in St. Louis on December 19, 2019 and the Spirit of St. Louis Region CCCA members as always were there in numbers to participate. The fundraising was joined with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and live entertainment by the Salvation Army Brass Ensemble.

In addition to the great music and great people, Doug and Joanne's fabulous Antique and Classic Car collection was a treat not to be missed. Every type of automobile from early 1900's to a one of a kind Marmon 16 Hot Rod were in place for everyone enjoy and talk about. Thanks to Doug and Joanne for their wonderful charity support and for their hospitality.



*Myrna Schild sports one of her historic outfits always appropriate for these historic automobiles.
Larry Hassel Photo.*

Right: *Our gracious host Doug Kirberg enjoying the wonderful music of the Salvation Army Brass Ensemble at the charity event last December. >>>>>*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2020

St. Louis Auto Show, Stadium Downtown St. Louis January 23-26, 2020

February 2020

>>Annual SSR Membership Kick-Off Meeting, Hyman LTD February 1, 2020

Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance February 7-9, 2020

>>Spark Plug Submission Deadline February 20, 2020

March 2020

>>SSR Spirit Night , Host and Location TBD March 3, 2020

Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance March 8, 2020

>>CCCA Annual Meeting, King of Prussia, PA March 25-28, 2020

30th Annual Chickasha, OK Pre-War Swap Meet. (Final event) March 20-21, 2020