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Spirit of St. Louis Region Classic Car Club of America



Region Director John Lowell addresses the packed crowd at the 2020 Membership Kickoff Meeting

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## SPARK PLUG NEWSLETTER

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# Director's Message

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Hello all,

We're off to a great start in the Spirit of St. Louis Region!

The Kick-off Meeting at Hyman Ltd. in early February was probably the best attended event ever since Mark and Shawn have been hosting us at their facility. That's because there was tremendous outreach to some of the other marque clubs in the area to extend a welcoming invitation to attend, and they responded.....to wit, we enjoyed the company of folks from the Cadillac-LaSalle Club, the Jaguar Club and the Rolls-Royce Owner's Club. After all, sharing our passion for the Classics with those from other Clubs, and they in turn sharing their knowledge of their cars with us, is good for hobby. And most importantly, I think, is that seeds are sown that blossom into great friendships. I like that thought!

This kind of outreach happens every year, for instance, with the Jaguar Club of Greater St. Louis, headed by Phil Taxman and Jim Hendrix, who graciously include the SSR Region in their annual Spring Rallye and Tour. It's a fun, well planned event, and the destinations are always unique and exciting (there's more inside about the Rallye).

Let's advance our mission in the SSR Region and build upon past successes by continuing to reach out to other Clubs to join in our activities. I have a feeling they are like minded. And, I'm confident this notion is at the core of those planning events in our Club this year, and that makes me smile.

With this spirit of inclusion, of

friendships, and of fellowship in mind, I'm reminded of a famous line spoken by Humphrey Bogart at the conclusion of the movie, Casablanca, that seems applicable here....."I think this is the start of a beautiful friendship."

John



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# Across the Editor's Desk

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The Spirit of St. Louis Region has made it through another enjoyable and successful Membership Kickoff Meeting at Hyman, LTD. Thanks to Mark, Shawn and everyone involved for making this meeting the best attended event of our yearly schedule. Lots of great information and lots of plans for new and exciting Classic Car Club events were talked about and we all look forward to the coming Spring and summer.

I have to comment on an experience Myrna and I enjoyed recently. Myrna purchased a non-Classic but exciting and interesting 1909 Auburn Model G Touring from Hyman's. That experience was very professional

and enjoyable for us and I have to tell you that if you are looking to purchase a collector car this is the place to do it. We found a great confidence in the entire procedure and Shawn Dougan made sure that everything was the way it should be.

We had to wait a while to pick up the car because of bad weather but when we did arrive with our truck and trailer, Shawn and Steve had the car ready at the door with everything checked over. They loaded and secured the car for us, allowing us to make the trip home with safety and confidence. We recommend Hyman's to everyone.

Be sure to cast your vote for our own Larry Hassel, who is running for the national CCCA Board.

**Jim Schild**



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## In Memoriam

Hello all,

Please consider joining Barb Knudsen and Family in a Celebration of Life for her son, Brad, 55 years old, who passed away recently. The event will be held on Saturday, February 29, 2020, at the Sports Café, 3579 Pennridge Dr, Bridgeton, MO 63044, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

I know Barb will appreciate our support.



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## Membership Musings



We have had a number of new members join the Spirit of St. Louis Region recently. I hope lots of you will come out for our events – Spirit dinners and driving adventures – to meet and exchange classic stories with new members. Please be sure to renew your membership in the Spirit Region if you have not done so. Traditionally the rosters reset after March 1. Don't lose contact with SSR; renew today.

Thanks to all who came out for the membership kickoff at Hyman's. Members of several other clubs were also invited to participate. These are the

clubs we frequently reach out to when scheduling events. The fun always increases with more participants. Consider this an invitation to everyone to participate. We are looking at a organizing a couple of events this Spring. We've also been invited to the Jaguar Rallye in March. Participate. Classic cars encouraged but not required. Or ride along and share the fun. **Todd Tobiasz**

### **Welcome new members:**

Natalie Charlton – Omaha, Nebraska  
James Cunnane – St. Louis, Missouri  
Jason Manns – Fenton, Missouri  
Tim Rice – St. Louis, Missouri  
Christopher Smith – St. Louis, Missouri  
Chip Wynn – Murray, Kentucky

### **Welcome returning members:**

Peter Brown – Washington, Missouri  
Francis Buchholz, Jr. – Florissant, Missouri  
Joseph Walsh, Jr. – Town & Country, Missouri

**Below is my picture of Myrna Schild at the controls of her newly acquired 1909 Auburn (NC) at the Membership Kickoff Meeting.**



# Spirit Nights are Back in 2020!!



***Ranked as the best New Spot to Try in St. Louis: July 2018***

***(FEAST Magazine)***

**Where: Carnivore STL  
5257 Shaw Ave  
St. Louis, MO 63110**

**When: Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 6:00 PM**

**Who's Invited: You are of course!**

**Hosted by: David Stephens**

**RSVP Please: [a0071601@yahoo.com](mailto:a0071601@yahoo.com)**

**Pictures from the 2020 Annual Membership Kickoff Meeting at Hyman, LTD. By Jim Schild and Larry Hassel**



**Shawn Dougan reports to the group on Arizona auction results.**



**Spirit of St. Louis Region Treasurer Kevin Williams reported on our financial condition.**



**Host Mark Hyman praised Elliot Cytron's electrical skills and services.**



**Thomas Quick proudly introduced his son Cayden as our youngest member.**



**Projects Chairman Bob Radel reported on sales of the Fleetwood and Classic Car books and Packard Springs.**



**Membership Chairman Todd Tobiasz reported on new members and membership growth.**





Left: Dr. Richard Quick addresses the group.

## **St. Louis JAGUAR CLUB**

### **Surprise late Winter/near Spring**

### **Rallye Tour**

**8:30 a.m. Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>**

get registered have coffee and some pastry, first car off at 9:30 a.m.

**Meet at St. Louis Bread Company**

**Hwy 21/Tesson Ferry and Kennerly Road**

***2 Blocks West of Tesson Ferry Exit off Highway 270 Behind Walgreens***

**Hosted by: Jim and Lisa Hendrix and Phil and Lupe Taxman**

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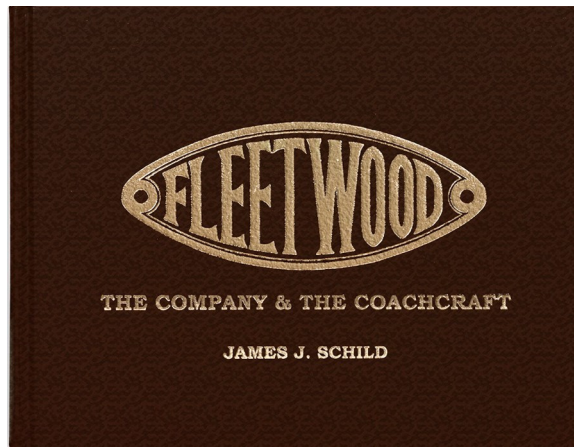
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*We have planned out a route on some great driving roads and maybe a game or two along the way. Lunch arrangements at a unique restaurant, more to follow.*

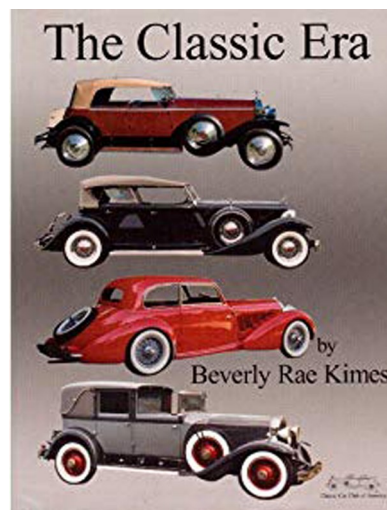
***There will be a \$5/car entry fee and estimated \$15/person for buffet lunch.***

*Total travel is <65 miles each direction. We will provide instructions coming and going, with a quick highway return to St. Louis. We estimate 2 hours of drive time on the front end and 1 1/4 hours returning.*

## THE CLASSIC BOOKSHELF

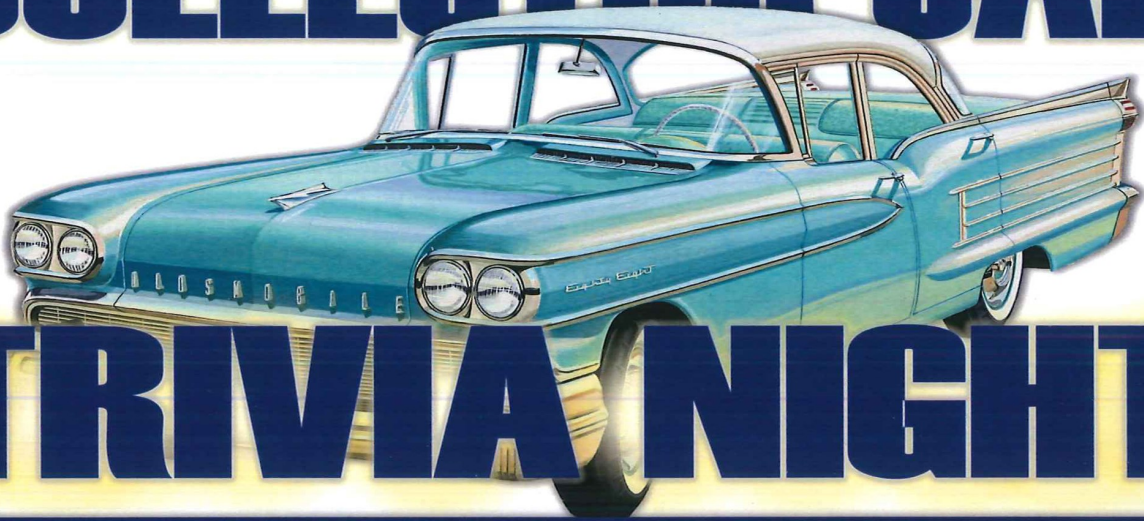


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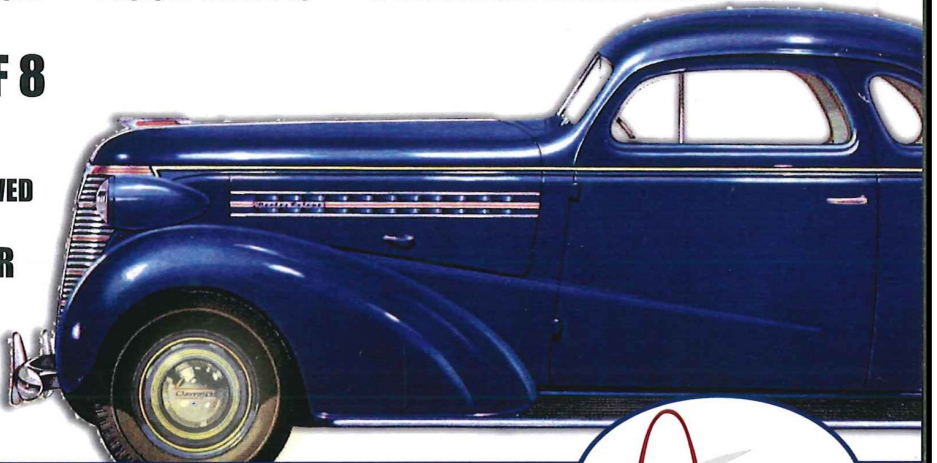
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## March 2020

>>SSR Spirit Night, Carnivore, Host, David Stephens	March 3, 2020
Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance	March 8, 2020
>>SSR CCCA Board Meeting, Brentwood Public Library, 6:00 p.m.	March 18, 2020
30th Annual Chickasha, OK Pre-War Swap Meet. (Final event)	March 20-21, 2020
>>CCCA Annual Meeting, King of Prussia, PA	March 25-28, 2020

## April 2020

>>SSR Spirit Night. Host and Location TBD	April 7, 2020
HCCM Easter Concours d'Elegance, Upper Muny Lot, Forest Park	April 12, 2020
>>SSR Submission Deadline	April 20, 2020

## May 2020

>>SSR Spirit Night. Host and Location TBD	May 5, 2020
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