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Rose and John Gibson enjoying the day with their recently acquired 1938 Packard Twelve 1608 Brunn AW Cabriolet

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Director's Message

It's The People That Make Us Stay

We all know there's something special about vintage cars, and that's why we own and cherish them.....they are the reason we get together at shows, or for activities with our cars....Full Classics from the Coachbuilt era, non-Classics, pre-war, post-war.....it makes no difference. They're all amazing! As the saying goes....."it's the cars that bring us together, *but the people that make us stay.*"

Ah, the people. They come together vicariously through their cars in so many different ways, and great friendships are made and remain for life. Consider the outpouring of love and support of those in the hobby, both from our Club and others, who came together to pay their respects for long-time friend, and SSR member, Marty Luepker, who passed away recently. What a fine gentleman he was.....Rest In Peace, Marty.

The people make us stay. Some of finest people I know are in this hobby and they will invariably drop everything to help a fellow member on their car. I know this to be true for I needed some help recently removing the gas tank on my '34 Lincoln, and so Bob and Todd and John and Kevin and Jim came over.....they were all there. And when I needed to move the car to a different loca-

tion, there was Dave who didn't hesitate to offer a helping hand.

The point I'm making is this.....your fellow Club members are there to help, they want to help, for they share the same passion as you do for these old cars. I bet they'd be there for you on any matter.

Need some help on your car, or perhaps just a shoulder to lean on.....I'm there, just let me know.

John



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Across the Editor's Desk

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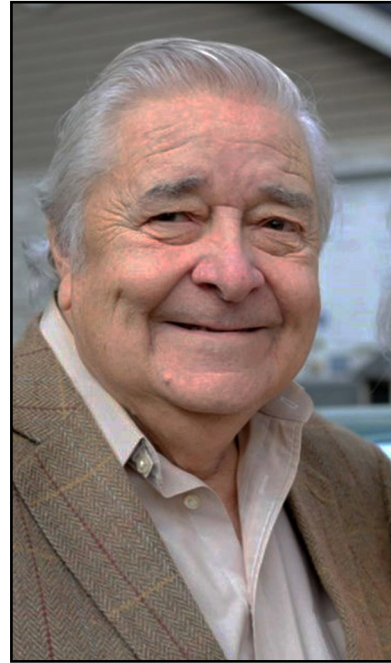
Martin 'Marty' Ralph Luepker, age 83, died surrounded by family on April 19th, 2022. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Sue, children Jill (Dan Magoc) and Marty; grandchildren, Danielle, Allison, Emily and Martin, and too many friends to note, having never met a stranger.

Aptly born on April Fool's Day, Marty was known for his kindness and wonderful sense of humor. A life-long South St. Louis resident, together with Sue he traveled the world from Rome to Hawaii.

When he was 20, Marty expanded his 100-year-old family sheet metal business into Luepker Heating and Cooling with his father, Marty Sr. In 1993, Marty and Sue bought the former Al Smith's, a historic tavern in Dutchtown. Together they rehabbed the building and went to great lengths to furnish it with items found in other St. Louis landmarks to preserve pieces of rich St. Louis history. If you sat down across the bar from Marty during The Feasting Fox Restaurant's 25 years, you'd quickly learn that he could share a story on any topic from local history to teaching an Oscar winning actor to drive.

Marty was well known among the various car clubs around St. Louis including the Model T Ford Club of Greater St. Louis, Horseless Carriage Club of Missouri, Inc., Classic Car Club of America, and the Moon Club. His connections to cars led him to sourcing vintage cars for several well-known movies.

If you met Marty once or knew him a lifetime, you know he always had a story.



Marty and Sue with Myrna and I in the 1993 St. Patrick's Day Parade in our 1936 Cord Phaeton.



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Two very well attended Spirit Nights. It's great to be able to provide venues for members to get together again. March at Basso in the Cheshire Inn - we filled our two long tables. April at Fallon's Irish Pub in Olivette - we filled their meeting room. John Hartmann gave us a presentation on the turbine technology development that eventually resulted in the Chrysler Turbine car at the National Museum of Transportation in Kirkwood.

The fifty-ninth Easter Concours d'Elegance hosted by the Horseless Carriage Club of Missouri, Inc., at the upper Munny parking lot in Forest Park was attended by more than 300 cars, including eight Classics brought by members and at least one that looked and sounded like a member: the show's poster car 1931 Marmon (Charles Gallagher), 1924 Dorris (George Dorris IV), 1925 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost (Wendell Smith), 1926 Franklin (Glen & Janice Pykiet), 1929 LaSalle (Todd Tobiasz), 1931 Cadillac (Jim Gormley & Todd Tobiasz), 1938 Packard 12 by Brunn (John & Rose Gibson), 1939 Jaguar SS (Phil Taxman).

Looking forward we've got Train-

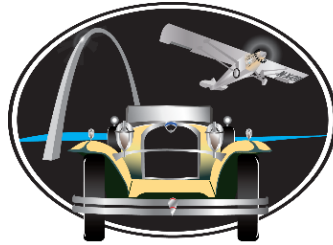
wreck Saloon on Manchester in Rock Hill for Tuesday, May 3. Then in June our host will be Wendell Smith on Wednesday, June 1, at The Post Sports Bar & Grill in Creve Coeur. And Wendell will be providing a program on touring with a Classic car. He should have lots of examples from his two-week tour with the Rolls Royce Owners Club through Virginia last fall. My favorite image from that trip was seeing a 90+ year old Rolls-Royce fording creeks flowing over the roads.

We have our first event on the SSR calendar for this year. Thank you to Stephen Brauer for welcoming club members to the Hunter Classics Collection Friday, May 6, at 1 pm. It's been a while since we've visited and we're getting a great response to this event.

Our next event has been organized by Barb Knudsen. Melba and Wayne Nolan are long-time members of the Horseless Carriage Club of Missouri. They will be opening their collection in Arnold to us on Sunday, June 5. They are collecting primarily pre-war cars, many in original condition (lots pre-WWI!). It is a varied group of Dodge Brothers, Moons, and Buicks, plus many more. They brought four cars to the Easter Show: 1916 and 1932 Chevrolets, 1915 Dodge Brothers, and 1935 Chrysler Airflow (owned for many years by Oliver C. Joseph).

We are still looking for events for the remainder of the year that will allow us to get out, spend some time together, and maybe meet some new friends. Feel free to share your ideas and host an event.

Todd



Spirit of St. Louis Region
Classic Car Club of America

MAY SPIRIT NIGHT



Then



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Where: Historic Trainwreck Saloon
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When: Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 6:00 PM

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THURSDAY, JUNE 2

Many regions are planning a one-day driving tour to Auburn, Indiana where we will host a cocktail party with the ACD Museum, spend the night in Auburn and take a leisurely driving tour to the CCCA Museum on Friday. Car trailers can remain at the ACD Museum for the weekend for those who wish to drive Full Classics® only from Auburn to the Gilmore campus.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3

Visit the CCCAM's new installation of the Permanent Collection (in the new 11,000-ft² addition) and, in conjunction with the "Experiencing American Luxury"

theme, the Museum will host the exhibition "Experiencing American Luxury of the Harlem Renaissance." Highlighting the exhibition will be Bill "Bojangles" Robinson's (the famous tap dancer of stage and screen) 1935 Duesenberg JN, as well as materials on the arts that transformed American culture in the 1920s and '30s.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

Enjoy the AFAS artists on display all day at the CCCA Museum. A daytime driving tour begins at the Gilmore Museum and includes various luxury destinations, include a mansion tour. We'll have lunch in Battle Creek

before returning to the Museum for a design seminar. That evening, enjoy cocktails and the banquet back at the hotel in Kalamazoo, complete with special guests.

SUNDAY JUNE 5

Onsite activities throughout the day include: cigar rolling and Michigan craft distilleries tasting, artist display and clay modeling (for kids & adults), live Jazz music and model airplane flights above the Gilmore Campus!

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Shawn Dougan accepting the award from the FIVA Concours d'Elegance in Europe, Class Postwar 1946-1960, for Hyman's 1949 Delahaye 135MS Coupe (NC, but should be) by Ghia Aigle

(Shown Right)



Jim and Lisa Hendrix' beautiful 1935 Jaguar SS 2.7 L Air-line Saloon at the 2022 Amelia Island show. Manns Photo.



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A nice crowd attended our Spirit Night at Basso in Clayton in the basement of the Cheshire Inn.



Everyone enjoyed the good food and fellowship at Basso in March.



Our April Spirit Night was at Fallon's Irish Pub in Olivette and we were educated by a presentation by John Hartmann about Turbine cars. Above & right.



**2022 Kicks on 66 Ultra Car Show & Cruise
September 10, 2022
On The Hill Golf Course & Lounge,
Edwardsville, IL On historic Route 66**

For our 3rd Annual Kicks On 66 I want to see a nice row of CCA entries from the Spirit of St. Louis Region; more than just these 2 from last year.

Entries in the show continue to be FREE.

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Public admission for this year will also be FREE.

The club may have space adjacent to their display of cars for a tent. The space remains FREE.

So, come out and enjoy this wonderful event as we celebrate the breadth of motordom; cars and motorcycles spanning all eras and types from the earliest brass to the latest exotics. All vehicles are displayed on the fairways of the golf course.



Saturday September 10, 2022

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

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Concours d'Elegance of Saint Louis - 2022 -




LEGACY OF A
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This iconic masterpiece marks a pinnacle of power, styling, and elegance. The vehicle was the idea of its namesake, chief engineer Howard Marmon, and was the product of his family's Novek & Marmon Company of Indianapolis. Enthralled by the new era of personal motorized transport, Mr. Marmon built his first car in 1902 at age 23. In 1911, the Marmon Wasp became the first car to win the Indianapolis 500-mile race. From that point onward, Marmon automobiles rivaled Pierce-Arrow, Peerless, Packard and the rising Cadillac.

Marmon began developing his flagship V-16 in 1927. Then the stock market crash of 1929 saw sales and profits plummet. Still, the new sixteen prototype at the 1930 Chicago Auto Show received high acclaim. But the company lacked resources to compete.

The Marmon Sixteen with body by LeBaron remains a masterpiece of the Classic Era (with full CCA Classic status). Its overhead valve engine displaces nearly 500 cubic inches and produces 200 horsepower (25 hp better than Cadillac's V-16 which was designed by an ex-Marmon engineer). Legendary designer Walter Dorwin Teague, Jr., receives credit for the gracefully curved, unique radiator shell, and sleek profile. Marmon claimed the Sixteen could out-accelerate a Duesenberg Model J. No more than 325 Marmon Sixteens were produced from 1930 to 1933. This example is owned by Charles Gallagher (previously in the collection of the late St. Louis architect Fred Grayson).

The setting is at Mr. Gallagher's business, the United Fruit and Produce Co. in St. Louis. This is the first time a human figure appears on an Easter Concours poster by the Horseless Carriage Club of Missouri (HCCM) to commemorate coming together in person following the initial Pandemic of COVID-19. Professional model, Natalia Cantwell, successfully emulates the fashion and style of Hollywood star Jean Harlow in 1931. Also shown is an inseparable companion, a Belgian Malinois named "Chanel No. 5". Photographer and poster designer, Larry Hassel, chose the re-creation of a legendary Harlow scene as depicted in John A. Conde's book, Cars with Personalities.

The HCCM thanks AAA, the Automobile Club of Missouri, for their gracious sponsorship and stewardship of the 59th show – the "Original" Easter Concours d'Elegance.

Easter Sunday, April 17th, 2022

- Rigs That Run - Forest Park

Poster and photos of Charles Gallagher's 1931 Marmon by Larry Hassel



Model: Natalia Cantwell.



<<Left: Photo of Rose and John Gibson and their 1938 Packard Twelve at the Easter Show by Sidney Steinhauemel.



**Rose and John Gibson's 1938 Packard Twelve 1608
Brunn All-Weather Cabriolet.**



Todd and Amber Tobiasz' 1929 La Salle 328 Phaeton.



**Above and Below: Phil & Lupe Taxman's 1939 Jaguar
SS 2.5 L Saloon.**



**Todd & Amber Tobiasz' 1931 Cadillac 7 Passenger
Sedan driven to the show by Jim Gormley.**



**Wendell Smith's 1925 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost
Buckingham, Brewster.**

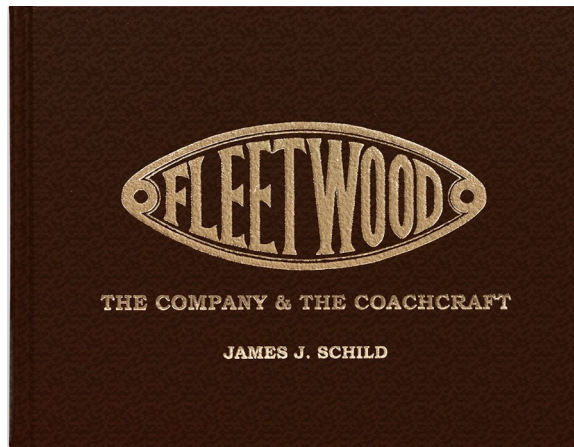


Myrna and I are glad to finally have our 1929 Cadillac Fleetwood Transformable Town Cabriolet back in the garage at home. After a 23 year long sleep in the garage, then eight months in the Museum of Transportation we traded its space in the trailer for the 1909 Auburn (NC) Myrna took to the Easter Show, putting the Cadillac back where we can work on it and get it running again. I hope to get the time to get it doing what it is supposed to do. It has not run since November, 1998.

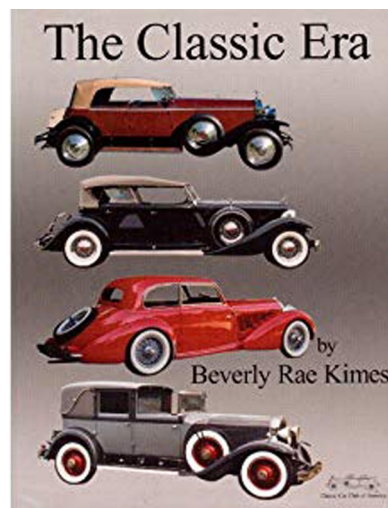


I did not have a chance to get pictures of Rose and John Gibson's beautiful new acquisition at the Easter Show so I found this stock photo of the car and thought it would be nice to study. This is a 1938 Packard Twelve 1608 with a rare Brunn All-Weather Cabriolet Style Number 3987. The front roof is removable and the rear is collapsible. This car is on a 139.875 -Inch wheelbase and has a 473.3 cubic-inch engine. Its price new was \$7,475.00.

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.



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John Lowell getting some needed maintenance done on his Classic 1934 Lincoln 12 KA Limousine with a little help from some friends.

Todd Tobiasz Photo.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2022

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| >>Spirit Night, Trainwreck Saloon, Rock Hill, MO, Bob Radel, Host | 3 May, 2022 |
| >>Hunter Classics Collection Tour, Bridgeton, MO, Stephen Brauer, Host | 6 May, 2022 |
| >>Williamsburg Grand Classic, CCCA | 11-14 May, 2022 |
| Friendship Village Show, Bill Albertin, Packard Club | 27 May, 2022 |

June 2022

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| >>Spirit Night, Post Sports Bar & Grill, Wendell Smith, Host | 1 June, 2022 |
| >>CCCA Museum Experience, Gilmore Classic Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI | 3-5 June, 2022 |
| >>Garage Tour, Melba and Wayne Nolan, Arnold, MO | 5 June, 2022 |
| Packard National Meet, Alexandria, VA | 4-10 June, 2-22 |
| Cadillac & La Salle Grand National, Overland Park, Kansas | 8-13 June, 2022 |
| Cars with Class Father's Day Show, MOT, HCCM | 19 June, 2022 |
| >>Spark Plug Deadline for Submissions | 20 June, 2022 |
| Pierce Arrow Society Annual Meet, Buelton, CA | 20-25 June, 2022 |

July 2022

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| >>Spirit Night, TBD | 5 July, 2022 |
| St. Louis Car Museum Annual Car Show, Joe Scott, Jr. | TBD |
| >>CCCA Grand Classic, Pacific Northwest Region | 26 July, 2022 |