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Spirit of St. Louis Region Classic Car Club of America



The Late Fred Guyton in his Ruxton enjoying his win at Pebble Beach in 2014

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Director's Message

The Fall season is my favorite time um. Be sure to make your reservaof the year. The changing foliage tions prior to November 5, 2018 for colors of the landscape, a slight this not to miss event. chill in the air and bright blue skies all provide a great backdrop send in your SSR Election Balfor vintage Classic Cars either on lot. The candidates are a diverse tour or just out for an impromptu group of individuals who have gathering somewhere. In fact, sev- made a commitment to serve the eral SSR members did just that as Club with a collective goal of makthey joined up with the Cadillac- ing the SSR Region the best that it LaSalle Club recently for a lovely can be. tour organized by Todd Tobiasz along the winding back roads and John Lowell Region Director through the small towns along the way toward a destination to Springfield, Illinois.

There are a few more opportunities left this calendar year to enjoy an activity with the Club. On Sunday, October 28, 2018, Thomas and Kristy Quick are once again hosting the Annual Picnic at their home in South County. The theme this year is Italian so bring your favorite Italian recipe for all to enjoy. Thomas also provides access to his restoration facility and there's always something interesting to see and talk about.

Our final scheduled event of the year is the Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 11, 2018. Meeting will be held at The Moto Museum in mid-town St. Louis, a unique collection of American and European motorcycles celebrating almost 100 years of motorcycle history. Our keynote speaker will be fellow SSR member, Allen Strong, who will give a presentation entitled "Carl Fisher and the Dominant Six", a historical overview of the man and the Packard Pace Car he drove in the 1915 Indianapolis 500 Race. This historical automobile, owned by Allen and Nancy Strong, and preserved in its original condition, will be on display at the muse-

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Across the Editor's Desk

The end of the year for the Spirit of St. Louis Region is not a Roadster. This was just prior to the publication of the 2001 editime to be looking back but a time to be looking ahead to be excited about some of our most popular events which take place in the fall. The Club Picnic, The Region Annual Meeting and a number of great fall tours and shows are always part of our agenda. It is also a time to think about voting to elect the new officers and board for 2019 and beyond. Before I get to that there are a couple of more somber notes I would like to mention.

As you will note by this issue's cover and the memorial article inside, we have lost another of our very important members and friends Fred Guyton, who was loved and admired by all. I would like to also mention a couple of Classic Car friends of my own that have passed in recent months but who were not noticed by most of the local and national members. The first was Bob Hickman. Some older local members may remember Bob when he was a member of our region many years ago before moving to Phoenix, Arizona around 1993. Bob was a very unique man and a true and genuine Classic Car enthusiast.

Although born legally blind, most of his life Bob used the limited sight he had to become an amazing expert on everything concerning Classic Cars and their owners. He was born in Muncie, Indiana so he was close to where a lot of great events took place and he took every opportunity to attend them and meet everyone of any importance. For many years, he collected Classic Car photographs and when he finally had to stop he had over 65,000 photos. He could tell anyone who asked the names of the cars, their colors and their owners, where the pictures were taken and by who. We still talked by phone for many years.

Bob had an amazing memory and could tell me where I was and what show I attended twenty years earlier. I never found him to be wrong. In the last few years of his life, Bob became ever more blind until he finally lost all sight. The past few years he turned his collecting to model cars and he had thousands of them in his apartment. One of our most vivid memories of Bob was in 1988 when we drove him, his totally blind wife Diane and her service dog back to St. Louis from the Indianapolis Grand Classic in our 1940 Packard Custom Super Eight Seven Passenger Sedan. That was an interesting experience for all involved. Bob was 74 and he will be sadly missed by many friends.

Another great loss to me was the accidental death of my longtime friend Herbert E. von Fragstein of Belleair Bluffs Florida and Dayton, Ohio. I knew Herbert since 2001 when he called me about help identifying his beautiful 1929 Mercedes S Fleetwood

tion of my Fleetwood book and his car was featured in that and even more in the 2011 edition along with the 1927 K Fleetwood roadster that he bought later. Herbert was in Leipzig Germany to oversee the final work on his 1929 Roadster which he had been working on for more than 37 years when he was hit and killed by car. I did not learn of his death until a few months later. He was a great and generous friend and will be missed. It was only then that we learned that last winter Herbert purchased a 1927 Mercedes K roadster that Myrna and I had had looked at near Chicago in November 2017. He would have 80 in July.

On another note, Myrna and I recently attended a special joint event hosted by the Mid-America and Lake Michigan Regions of the Rolls-Royce Club of America. This was a three-day tour to Springfield, Illinois but we were only able to make the Saturday portion which featured a visit to one of the most fabulous car collection facilities we have ever seen. A number of our Spirit of St. Louis Region members also attended.



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By Jim Schild

On Saturday October 6, 2018 Myrna and I took a little trip into central Illinois about 100 miles from here to join in for one day of a three day joint tour of the Mid-America and Lake Michigan Regions of the Rolls-Royce Owner's Club. We did not have any of our Rolls-Royce motor cars in useable condition but we were told by Wendell Smith and others that there was a collection of wonderful automobiles that we had to see. We were convinced so we headed up I-55 toward Morrisonville, Illinois and met them at a place called Greenwood Estates, owned by RROC member Bill Kennedy.

This most amazing place could not be described by words alone and even after we arrived we had no idea what waited ahead for us. We arrived to see a large yard filled with Rolls-Royce and Bentley automobiles of all types and years and soon found a sizable contingent of SSR members including Wendell Smith, Dave Groerich, John and Rose Gibson, John Groll, Randall Andrae and Bob and Sonia Abbott. Classic Cars in attendance included a couple of Phantom Is and of course Wendell's 1925 Silver Ghost limousine.

After a wonderful catered dinner inside the Tudor Style home built in 1941, the group moved to what appeared to be a brick carriage house across the flat expanse of the back yard,. Once inside, we were greeted by a modern Rolls-Royce Phantom VII (NC) sitting alone in the garage. Less visible were the staircase and large and small elevators that led us to the deep lower level which looked like Thomas Edison's New York Powerhouse control center. We learned that the large caged elevator was used to transport automobiles to the lower underground level which opened up to a spectacular room where more than 27 of them were stored in an impressive museum-type display.

There were a few Classics including a Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost Playboy Roadster and a Silver Ghost Brewster Limousine. The remainder of the collection held a little of everything from Silver Clouds (NC), to Model A Ford (NC) to the earliest Silver Ghost in existence (NC), a 1907 limousine.

This fantastic facility was custom built by its owner over a period of five years and included a large turntable, built in floor jacks and wall to wall cabinets for storage. A beautiful bar room completed the image. The owner showed a video of the construction.







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Membership Musings



My 1936 Cadillac got quite a workout last week. Thursday was a Cocktails and Cars event at the Missouri Athletic Club West. Ten members and associates enjoyed a beautiful evening and nice venue to walk and talk cars. Wendell Smith had his '25 Ghost out for the evening. Cadillac LaSalle Club member Tim Rice had his immaculate 1941 60 Special on display. In the classic cross-over division, Greg Rhomberg had his Budweiser Land Cruiser (mounted on a 1930 Cadillac chassis) front and center. Ben Hilliker was brushing up on his St. Louis car history for his upcoming automotive history

The '36 logged about 250 miles this past weekend on the trip from St. Louis to Springfield, Illinois. The trip was a combined trip with the Cadillac LaSalle Club in St. Louis in which several of us share membership. The Spirit Region of CCCA was represented by ten of the nineteen participants that started out of

the trek. The trip proceeded largely as expected. Surprises included the scenic diversion (wrong turn and ten minutes to figure it out) and the 30 mile per hour cross wind, including flying corn parts, as we drove the 55 miles north from Mt. Olive to Springfield. Otherwise it was wonderful weather for a drive, sunny and dry. We got our fill of corn dogs, took in some Illinois history, and enjoyed the excitement of a late-night hotel fire alarm.

It's time once again to renew your membership. I hope everyone sees something he or she enjoys from being with a group of people who enjoy Classic automotive history, activities, and camaraderie

Todd Tobiasz, Membership Chairman





Spirt of St. Louis CCCA and St. Louis Region Cadillac & La Salle Club Tour to Springfield, Illinois

Photos by Todd Tobiasz, John Lowell and Kevin Williams.

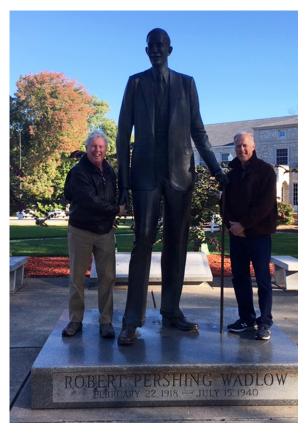
The Spirit of St. Louis Region Classic Car Club of America joined with the St. Louis Region of the Cadillac & La Salle Club on Saturday and Sunday October 20 and 21. The group toured up old Route 66 as much as possible and visited interesting and historic sites in Alton, Illinois and Springfield, Illinois. Their tour included the Lincoln Museum and Presidential library in Springfield and the Frank Lloyd Wright home nearby.



Springfield, Illinois Tour Continued...







Larry Hassel and John Lowell check out the height of the lifesize statue of Robert Wadlow in Alton, Illinois

Below left and right: Wendell Smith's 1925 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost Limousine and Greg Rhomberg's almost Classic Bevo Boat on display at the MAC West Cars and Cocktails in October.





THE EXPERIENCE CONCOURS AT CCCA MUSEUM, JUNE 1-3, 2018

Featuring Cadillac and LaSalle

By Duane Wesche

The event opened with a Museum Trustee meeting on the Thurs- Talking with Bill Parfet about the Monsanto buyout while boatday night, May 31st. The following morning an overnight tour of western Michigan and the Lake Michigan shore was conducted. On Saturday June 2nd, the art exhibit opened at the CCCA Museum featuring works by Alex Buchan, David Chapple, Gerald Freeman, Tom Hale, Steve Macy and Dan McCrary. The group of us that did not do the overnight tour ate lunch at the Gull Lake Country Club and then were treated to antique wooden boat rides on the lake. Saturday evening the entire group had a dinner at the car museum with several speeches and introduction of the Grand Marshal, Clive Cussler, author of over 45 best-selling books and a noted collector of classic automobiles. The artists that were still present were also introduced. I happened to sit with David Chapple and his wife, both of whom are very nice and interesting people to speak with.

Sunday was a cloudy cool day and that may have had something to do with the (in my opinion) low turnout of cars for the show experience. There were about 25 classics shown. At 2:30pm, Dave Schultz began presenting awards.

Clive Cussler's 1931 Cadillac 16cyl 4380 Dual Cowl won a special award. It is a beautiful car.

Ed Devries 1935 Cadillac Model 20 V8 convertible also was a special award. Another great car.

The Gilmore award went to **Don Hanson**, a 1924 Packard 143 Town Car by Fleetwood.

The CCCA award went home with Jack Smith for a 1934 Packard 1107 Coupe Roadster.

The Sponsor award was for a 1959 Cadillac 6237 2door coupe owned by Frank Tomasello.

The Museum trustees award went to Tom Tuls' 1931 Packard 840 Roadster, the 1931 NY Auto Show car by Rollston.

The Spirit of the Road award was given to **Dave Johnson's** 1938 Cadillac 75 Convertible Coupe.

The Chief Judge's Choice was a 1935 Bentley 3.5 liter Sporting Saloon by Mulliner owned by Dave Deppe.

The Grand Marshall award went to a 1935 LaSalle Conv. Coupe owned by Greg Ornazian.

The Best of Show was a 1937 Cadillac 90 Imperial 16 cyl Cabriolet 4 door owned by Skip Tetz.

On a personal note, this was my first CCCA Experience that I attended. I was surprised by how few cars and members were in attendance, considering that the featured cars are owned by so many CCCA members. The highlights of the weekend for me were (not in any particular order):

ing on Gull Lake in his Hacker Gentleman's Racer. Listening to David Chapple talk about his art work.

Hearing about the Stahl Museum collections and the work the foundation does from the group that brought a nice '34 LaSalle convertible coupe.

All of the various museums on the Gilmore Hickory Corners property are always great to see.







The Classic Experience at Gilmore Classic Car Museum Continued....











Author, CCCA member and meet Grand Marshall Clive Cussler brought his 1931 Cadillac V-16 Fleetwood All Weather Phaeton.





Bob Abbott and his beautiful 1928 Cunningham V-5 Phaeton accepting another well-deserved award at the 2018 Des Moines Concours.



This is a photo that my father (Bill Abbott) took when we brought back an Auburn that my father bought for \$600. He eventually sold it to Richard Quick. I am the one on the truck (15 years old) Wayne McKinley on the right. The one on the left unknown. My dad bought that 54 Lincoln new. He pulled a car trailer all over the country.



Bob and Sonia Abbott at the 2018 DesMoines Concours



2018 Horseless Carriage Club of Missouri Museum of Transportation Brass and Nickel Car Show

Photos by Larry Hassel

The 2018 Brass & Nickel Car Show featured two Classics from the Spirit of St. Louis Region. Wendell Smith Brought his wonderful 1925 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost Limousine and Bob Abbott brought his 1928 Cunningham V-5 Phaeton all the way from Alton, Illinois.









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Meetin

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The MOTO Museum houses a private collection of unique motorcycles obtained from over 20 countries from around the globe covering almost 100 years of motorcycle history. The museum is a celebration of the form, function, evolution, and elegance of the motorcycle.

Our featured guest speaker will be Allen Strong, noted vintage car collector, Packard $historian\, and\, fellow\, SSR\, member\, from\, Urbana,$ Illinois. Allen's presentation is entitled "Carl Fisher and the Dominant Six", a historical overview of the man and the Packard Pace Car he drove in the 1915 Indianapolis 500 race. This historical automobile, owned by Allen and Nancy Strong, and preserved in its original condition, will be on display in the museum.

This is an event you do not want to miss.



NOTE: This will be a catered meal with passed appetizers and a cash bar.

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In Memoriam

Fred F. Guyton, Jr. 1938-2018



Fred Fleming Guyton, Jr. passed away peacefully on September 28, 2018 after a 7- month battle with cancer. Born February 2, 1938 in Memphis, TN, Fred is survived by his wife Beverly (Estes), his children Annie Dee Seal (Robert), Elisa Jane Roth (William), Josephine Rose Kendrick (Russ), Frank Gardner Guyton (Nikki), Daniel Thomas Guyton, Kelly Elizabeth Guyton and David Fleming Guyton; 10 grandchildren, Katherine, Elizabeth, Josephine, Jack, Lauryn, Mason, Olivia, Avery, Ben and Henry. Son of the late Fred F. Guyton, Sr. and Josephine Rose (Bryant) and brother to the late Jane Cooper. Fred received a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Illinois College of Fine & Applied Arts in 1961. Upon graduation, Fred received a special Fellowship from the Center of Inter American Housing and Planning and spent one year as one of the first Peace Corps volunteers in Bogota, Columbia before his induction into the U. S. Army. As an officer, with a combat Engineer Battalion, Fred served as a helicopter pilot for three years.

After release from the Army, Fred moved to St. Louis, Missouri where he began his career as an architect. On October 1, 1967 he and Bill Peckham began a planning and architectural practice that is now known as Peckham Guyton Albers & Viets, Inc. (PGAV). In 1975, Fred became Chairman of PGAV, a position that he held until January of 2010. Fred continued to work at the firm until his death. Under Fred's leadership PGAV earned many regional and

national awards for outstanding architectural, zoological, and entertainment design and in many ways changed how thoughtful architecture enhances the destination experience. PGAV continues today as a world-class architecture firm with projects expanding the globe. During Fred's 35 years as Chairman of PGAV, he led the development of a remarkable number of landmark projects in North America, Europe, South America, and Asia. Among these are: -Busch Gardens Williamsburg & Tampa - Williamsburg, VA, Tampa, FL - Anheuser-Bush World Headquarters -Saint Louis, MO - Multiple projects at SeaWorld Adventure Parks - San Diego, San Antonio, Orlando - Big Cat Country, Fragile Forest and Penguin Puffin Coast, Saint Louis Zoo - Saint Louis, MO - Monsanto World Headquarters Renovation - Saint Louis, MO - Universal Studios Theme Parks - The Georgia Aquarium - Atlanta, GA - Discovery Cove - Orlando, FL - Port Aventura - Salou, Spain -Space Command Headquarters, Peterson AFB - Colorado Springs, CO Fred was licensed to practice architecture in 35 states and a member of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, the American Institute of Architects and the Missouri Council of Registered Architects. Fred was active in civic works and provided leadership and fundraising with many organizations including past-Chairman of the University of Illinois Foundation board and Life Director, Trustee for the St. Louis Science Center, past-President and Board member of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Director of St. Louis Mercantile Bank, and Director of the Forum for Contemporary Art. Fred was proud to be a St. Louisan and was appointed by a succession of St. Louis Mayors to a number of posts. Including Chairman of the St. Louis Beautification Commission, Chairman of the Building Code Review Commission, and member of the Forest Park Advisory Board. Fred was an amateur historian, photographer, and classic car hobbyist and on the Board of Directors of the Classic Car Club of America, Classic Car Club Museum and the CCCA Spirit of St. Louis Region. He presented numerous cars at car shows around the country, including the Easter Concours D'Elegance at Forest Park and Concours D'Elegance at Meadowbrook Hall in Michigan and Pebble Beach in California. Fred was also a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians since 1956. Fred was warm, gracious, and had a wonderful sense of humor. He was beloved by his family and friends and will be missed by all.



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Richard Muehlmann Car and Parts Auction, Belleville, IL	October 26-27, 2018
>>Spirit of St. Louis Region Annual Picnic, Thomas Quick	October 28, 2018
November 2018	
>>Spirit of St. Louis Region Annual Meeting, The MOTO Museum	November 11, 2018
December 2018	
Spark Plug Submission Deadline and New Ads for 2019	December 20, 2018