

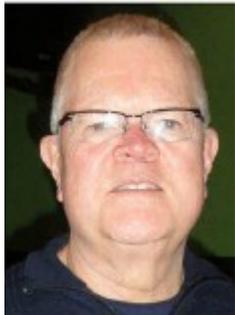
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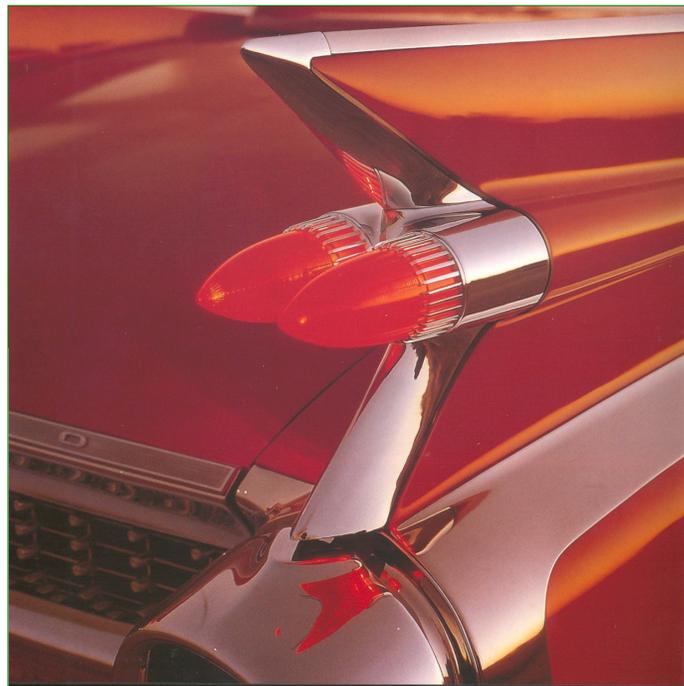
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## ***Thoughts from the Director***

***By Warner Young***

*The end of our driving season is quickly approaching. Oh, how can this be? I'm hoping you've enjoyed your Caddy or LaSalle this year. I know that I have. My LaSalle has been painted and the electrical system tuned up. I've been in the club for three years and it's been a helpful and enjoyable experience. Making new friends is probably the best part of any car club. I have also appreciated the technical support that is available.*

*Our year isn't over yet. We still have an invitation to attend the CCCA's Octoberfest at the home of Ed Dalton that is west of Westfield. His address is actually Zionsville. That's October 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM. The cost is \$17.50 for adults, \$12.50 for age 13 to 17 and \$7.50 for ages 6 to 12. You need to pre-register so they will know how much food to prepare. You can mail a check to Helen Vogel. The CCCA flyer is shown later in our newsletter.*

*Also coming up in November is our week-end trip to Urbana, Il., to see the Allen Strong car collection and other collections. You need to make a hotel reservation at the Eastland Suites if staying overnight. This should be a great week-end. No advance registration is required with the Indiana Region. See details listed later in this newsletter.*

*As always, our Board is looking for input from members for new ideas for day trips and interesting events for our club. I'm looking forward to 2016 already.*

## ***Editorial Musings***

***By Jeff Shively***

After an absence of four issues, I am glad to be back in the Hoosier Tailfin. It seems strange to me, but that is the longest time my thoughts and opinions have not been before the Indiana CLC membership since I became Deputy Director in 1998. A great deal has transpired since leaving the directorship and editor's chair in January. The biggest news is the sale of my '41 coupe. I didn't think that it would ever happen, but as I speak, it is enjoying a new life with Al Warner in Medina, OH. He's a longtime CLC and CCCA member, so I know it has a good home. Since the car spent 1941 to 1996 on the Columbus area, going back to Ohio seems quite appropriate.

The reason for the sale is an offer of a maroon 1941 Series 62 convertible coupe. The previous owner contacted me via e-mail in March, and that set the wheels in motion. It's a 30-year-old restoration, which is fine with me. It also comes with a bunch of spare parts. The only downside is that it is a 3 speed. Soon enough, I'll get a Hydramatic mounted in it. I'll upgrade as I see fit and as I have the money. I am sorting out how to get it home from Colorado. Hopefully I'll get it home and still have time to get it out a time or two before winter.



## ***Barn Update***

### ***By Lars Kneller***

September this year has more than made up for the lousy weather we had in June. Many of you may recall my two “German daughters” who have spent time here in recent years with us, and they and their parents visited late August into September, leaving for home on Labor Day. The point of this is just about all of my old cars got exercise during their visit. The **1973 Formal Limousine** got the most exercise as we all could fit into it for trips around town.

The big news for the barn is a new arrival. This is a car that found me; I was not looking for it. I have a patient that is the retired CEO of Merrill-Dow Pharmaceuticals in southwest Michigan. In **1984** he bought a new **Eldorado convertible** as his company car. He had decided he wanted me to have this car after he died. His wife passed away 6 years ago or so, and he recently has found a new love (not the car). He called my office and left a message a couple months ago to the point that circumstances had changed, and I didn't need to wait until he died to get the car. He primarily lives in Florida, but has a summer residence in southwest Michigan. He told me he was going to ship me the car from Florida, I could figure out what it is worth, and send him a check! I couldn't really turn him down as I know he wanted to car to go to someone who would love it and care for it like he did. It is a nice one owner car, and he is also a fellow Boilermaker, like I am. It has 75,000 miles on it, and has the infamous 4100 engine. So far, it seems to run fine. I did replace the coolant, as so often

recommended, and gave it all the requisite pellets too. I've had to do a few other maintenance items to it, but am slowly getting it “Knellerized”. I drove it to Gilmore for the Cadillac Fall Festival, so if you were there, you saw it. It made the trip with no issues at all. More on it to come.



No news on the **1963 Lincoln Continental convertible (NC)** since the last Tailfin. I haven't really been in a hurry to get it back with all the business of summer. However, I had to retrieve my car trailer from the body shop recently in order to bring the **1969 Thunderbird (NC)** home from Jeff's museum after its summer display there. My body man said he'll be back to work on the Lincoln soon, and had 2



days of body work left before it would be painted. It should be home before the snow flies. I have started work on the Lincoln's gas tank. I was very happy to find undercoating on the bottom of it. I consulted my authenticity manual and it states undercoating is acceptable. That will make its restoration much easier!

Our Region and the IN Lincoln club has a great event planned for the weekend of November 7. A lot of planning has gone into this, and I hope everyone can attend. I spoke with George Louthan of the Northwest Ohio Region at Gilmore and he said they are planning an Interregional Meet next year, probably in the end of July. This will be good for us midwesterners with the Grand National in Las Vegas in April and the driving tour in Connecticut later in the year. I hope everyone is rooting for the Cubs too, and their fate hasn't been decided by the time you're reading this column.



# ***CLC-MRC Fall Festival 2015***

**By Warner Young**

The CLC MRC held it's annual Fall Festival at the Gilmore Auto Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan, from 9/25 through 9/27/15. The weather held nicely and 72 cars were pre-registered. Several more cars came for the Sunday show. As you know, we now have our own CLC Museum building on the grounds and that has enhanced our experience significantly. The museum had its Grand Opening just one year ago.

Friday's events were a driving tour to historic Marshall, MI, a CLC judging seminar and a BBQ dinner under a tent on the grounds. Saturday's events were car judging, tech sessions in the main visitors building ( which is first class ) and a buffet dinner under the tent on the grounds. Sunday events were a car show until 4:00 PM, presentation of judging awards in a drive-by awards ceremony, unveiling of a plaque honoring the first inductee into the Hall of Fame – Carl Steig and a farewell dinner at the Gull Lake Country Club. This was the first year for the judging to be Saturday morning.

The grounds of the Gilmore Museum are a wonderful setting for our Museum and Research Center. In addition to our recreation of a late '40's dealership for the CLC Museum the grounds are the home of the Lincoln, Franklin, Model A, CCCA, Pierce Arrow and a large visitor center with the Gilmore's collection. Everyone needs to see this setting at least once. In addition to the primary museums mentioned above, they have an authentic 1941 diner that was originally in Meriden, Connecticut. The CCCA Museum has a beautiful 1940 cream colored Cadillac Series 62 convertible among many other Full Classics®.

The Indiana Region was well represented with the cars of Max Gretencord ('53 Series 62 sedan), Lars Kneller ('84 Eldorado convertible), Bob Nixon ( '39 Series 60 Special), Chuck Rainey ('86 Fleetwood), Jeff Shively ( '02 DeVille) and Barry Wheeler ('81 Seville).

Three of our members won awards: Max Gretencord, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Touring, Bob Nixon, 1<sup>st</sup> place Primary and Barry Wheeler, 1<sup>st</sup> place Primary. If you are thinking about a great place to spend a Fall week-end the Gilmore is an excellent choice.





**A few of the  
fine cars  
from  
Indiana.....**





**Above: 1941 Cadillac Series 6227 coupe, complete with running board and Cavern Green paint.  
Below: Former CLC President Alan Haas' 1965 Eldorado convertible always pleases the crowd.**



# *Hoosier Tailfin Fall automotive challenge*

## *October 2015*

1. When were radial tires made standard equipment for Cadillac?  
A. Nov. '71 B. Nov. '72 C. Nov. '73 D. Feb. '74
2. When was an automatic heating system offered for Cadillac?  
A. 1940 B. 1941 C. 1942 D. 1946
3. How many National Driving Tours has Indiana hosted?  
A. 0 B. 1 C. 2 D. 3
4. What corporate chassis was the Catera based on?  
A. Opel B. Holden Commodore C. Cimarron D. Seville
5. What model year did LaSalle offer hydraulic brakes?  
A. 1932 B. 1933 C. 1934 D. 1935
6. What model year was shatter resistant windshield glass first offered?  
A. 1925 B. 1926 C. 1938 D. 1929
7. Cadillac offered the industries first factory turn signals?  
A. True B. False
8. How many Grand Nationals has Indiana hosted?  
A. 2 B. 3 C. 4 D. 5
9. Cadillac V-16 in 1934-35 MY had the longest pre-war car? True or False  
A. True B. False
10. What year were sealed beam head lights mandated for all cars?  
A. 1937 B. 1938 C. 1939 D. 1940
11. The cost of a 1913 Phaeton in today's dollars is?  
A. \$39,800 B. \$43,900 C. \$47,500 D. \$56,400

## *Two day tour to Urbana with the CLC and LCOC*

The Indiana Region of the Cadillac and LaSalle Club and the Indiana Region of the Lincoln & Continental Owners Club have planned a tour of Urbana, Il. collections. The Indiana Region of the CCCA is invited to join in this two-day tour. This will be very similar to the tour made by the Indiana Region three years ago.

We are to leave Saturday, 11/7/15, from the IHOP on West Northfield Drive, at 9:00 AM. This is just off I-74 in Brownsburg. Our schedule will be to drive directly to the War Birds exhibit at the Frasca Air Field just North of Urbana. Then drive to the campus of the University of Illinois for lunch, a short campus tour and a visit to the Rare Book collection. From the campus we will visit the Zumdahl Collection and then check into the Eastland Suites. The Eastland Suites are just off I-74. Dinner will be downtown at the Silver Creek restaurant. Sunday will be a visit to both locations of the Allen Strong Collection. We will be traveling home after seeing the Strong Collection. Hotel and meals will be self-pay with no pre-registration.

We have a block of rooms reserved at the Eastland Suites Hotel and Conference Center, 1907 N. Cunningham Ave., Urbana. Phone 217-367-8331. Our group name is Lincoln/Cadillac Classic Car Club, type 4635. Rates are \$89, plus tax, for two double beds and \$99 for a king. They will hold rooms for our group until 10/7/15. If you drive directly to Urbana we will meet at the Frasca Air Field, 1301 Airport Rd., Urbana, Il.

## *IN Region Swap Meet*

### **1941 Cadillac Series 60 Special**

Engine, transmission, and chassis restored. Runs and drives excellent. Body is mounted on a platform to make it easy to move. All parts boxed, new parts included. Great project car. \$5000  
Contact Stan White (260)-667-0072 Angola, IN



### **1940 LaSalle 5029 convertible sedan**

Possible Cole Porter connection. Complete running car in need of restoration. Very solid with usual surface rust on undercarriage. Located in Chicago. Contact Bruce Cooper at cooperbruce@att.net.



**The Hoosier Tailfin**



**Indiana Region CLC**

# Indiana Region, CCCA

## OCTOBERFEST RETURNS

Saturday, October 17, 2015...12:30 pm

Ed Dalton's "Classic Transporium"

111 South CR 1200 East, Zionsville, IN 46077

Further Directions/Information Will Be Sent Later

Brats, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Slaw

Everything will be furnished except for dessert. If you are willing to bring a dessert please email Helen at [hpvogel@att.net](mailto:hpvogel@att.net) to let her know.

Adults (18 & over) reservations postmarked by 9/23/15 will be \$15.00 per person

Adults (18 & over) reservations **HAVE TO BE** postmarked by 10/7/15 will be \$17.50 per person

Children's prices do not change but must be postmarked by 10/7/15. They are:

13 years to and including 17 is \$12.50 per person

6 years to and including 12 years is \$7.50 per person

Children 5 years and under are free

### RESERVATIONS NEED TO BE IN EARLY SO WE KNOW HOW MUCH FOOD TO PREPARE

This is a family affair and we want members and guests to bring their children, grandchildren. We also want to invite any car clubs members that wish to attend and drive their vehicles so any of you CCCA members make a copy of this and invite any friends from other car clubs. The only stipulation we have is that the vehicle must be 25 years old or older as they will be parked in Ed's front yard to everyone to see.

Exceptions may be made for any EXCEPTIONAL/OUTSTANDING vehicles. All other cars will be parked in a large parking area to the back and side. There are also outdoor toys (slide, swings, etc.) in the back yard for the "young at heart"!

Please mail all reservations to: Helen Vogel, 6635 Sunset Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46260

Please include names of all attending. Make check payable to Indiana Region, CCCA

Any questions contact Helen at 317/446-7634 after 1:30 pm EST or email to the above address

