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Thoughts from the Director

By Warner Young

Welcome to June. I am happy to say that after living through an extra two months of almost winter this year. One thing we can say about the weather is you never know what you will get. It has been a good year for the club, however. Our membership is up almost 20 members since last year. We are at our highest membership in sometime. Nationally the CLC is stable with only a very slight increase from last year.

We had another well organized Grand National in Las Vegas in April. The GN is a great time to see many great cars and discuss car topics with fellow members. I would encourage everyone to make it to a GN at least once. Your next chance will be in McClean, Virginia, next summer. The host hotel is the Hilton McClean Tysons Corner. It will be from July 31st to August 6th, 2017. They have a web site already at CLC Grand National Northern Virginia. Next year the club will allow modified Cadillacs to enter and be judged. So a pretty big change by CLC standards.

You will have another opportunity to check out a national event at the fall festival at Hickory Corners, Michigan, September 23rd -25th. This is an annual event at our Museum and Research Center on the campus of the Gilmore Museum.

As you now know, we delayed our April meet at Lockhart Cadillac in Fishers. The weather just

wouldn't cooperate. This is a busy time of the year for Lockhart and they requested we re-schedule for later in the year. Our coordinator Tom Taylor will review our options and hopefully we can set a fall date. We are planning for an overnight meet with the Lincoln Continental group for August 20th and 21st. We will be staying at the Best Western in LaPorte on Saturday night. A flyer will be out shortly giving the details and asking for your sign up.

A couple reminders - Our new web site is up and running thanks to our new webmaster, Beth Reedy. That's at indianaclc.org. Also, we are always looking for articles for the Tailfin related to our cars or our driving experiences. You don't need to be a professional writer to submit an article. Lastly, Jeff Shively is hard at work finalizing the details for the "Kokomo salutes Indiana's automotive heritage" which will be Sept. 10th and 11th. Saturday is a Grand Classic of the CCCA and Sunday will be a "Motor Muster" for special interest cars. This is not a CLC event but will be very special for all automotive buffs.

I'd like to welcome all the new Indiana Region members for 2016. I'd like to think that our club is prepared to make this a good experience for everyone. Sending pictures of your pride and joy is always encouraged. Pictures and articles can go to cad19651941@yahoo.com

Coming Soon!

June 4: 27th B-O-P-CLC Show in Kokomo
July 6-9: National Driving Tour in Connecticut
July 28-31: Inter-Regional Meet in Perrysburg, OH
August 19-21: Northern Indiana overnight with the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club

September 11-"Grand Indiana Bicentennial Motor Muster" in Kokomo
September 24-25: Cadillac Fall Festival at Hickory Corners

Barn Update

By Lars Kneller

The warm weather has *finally* arrived in northern Indiana, and all sorts of activity is happening at the Kneller house. My oldest daughter Lauren graduated from the Indiana University School of Medicine in early May! She will be doing a pediatric residency at UCLA in Los Angeles, CA. She will be married on June 11 in Chicago, then will go on a honeymoon to Hawaii, and upon her return to LA, will start her residency. Needless to say, things have been busy here. However....that does not preclude barn time, just limits it.

The BIG NEWS is the **1963 Lincoln Continental** (NC) has finally arrived home from the body shop with its new Spanish Red paint. I didn't think I'd ever see the day. The paint looks very nice, however the car was somewhat of a mess having spent all that time there. To date I have cleaned up everything except under the hood. That is next on the list. Also, after 1 year and 4 months, my new interior has arrived too. It looks very nice! I have a lot of work ahead of me.

As seen in the accompanying picture I have new switches installed in the **1941 Cadillac**. I haven't installed the back-up light yet, as I need a hollow bolt that the wire passes through. I have however run all the wiring. I also have my "F" switch hooked up to my electric "F"uel pump, replacing the aftermarket switch. Thanks to Jeff Shively for providing me with the switch. I also moved the windshield washer switch. The owner's manual states it is located "to the left of the steering column" and that spot is the only one left, so I hope it is correct. I also had the left front fender repainted this spring, along with the bottom of the driver's door, where some rust bubbles were forming. My body man

went through quite a process to get the fender's paint to match, only to find out the paint on the door was a shade different. So now he has both matches to my "Dusty Gray", if needed in the future. He also found a match to the "Rivermist Gray" if needed, apparently a Peugeot color. My fuel gauge is acting up, only wanting to read 1/8 tank or less despite the amount of fuel in the tank. I am hoping it's just a bad ground, but haven't had time to investigate yet.

After searching for some time I finally found an original radio for my **1984 Eldorado**. It is awaiting installation, and hopefully will work. I also completed two projects on the **1977 Eldorado**, one expected and one unexpected. When I fired it up for the first time this spring, I let it run for a while, as I put a can of Freon into its A/C. I turned it off and when I went to start it a short while later, it would barely turn over. I jumped it and discovered its alternator was bad. Luckily I had a rebuilt one sitting on the shelf (same one fits the **1973 Limousine** and the **1981 Diesel Fleetwood**, so a spare is kept on hand). That was an easy replacement and problem fixed. I have been wanting to put an external fuel pump relay on the car for a while, as that tends to be the weak spot of its analog EFI computer. I saw club EFI guru Bruce Roe at last year's GN, and he sold me what I needed to accomplish the job. It was a little nerve racking cutting into the computer's wiring harness and rearranging wires per his instructions, but the job was successful, and should guarantee a long and happy life of its computer now. I unfortunately will miss the Kokomo meet as my triplet nephews' high school graduation party is the same day. We will catch up down the road!

Right:
The fuel pump on the Kneller '41 is controlled by an authentic 1941 foglight switch.



Below:
The 1963 Lincoln returns from the body shop and looks really sharp!



2016 Grand National, Las Vegas, NV

April 12-16

By Warner Young

Our 2016 Grand National was held at the Suncoast Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. This is a very nice, newer facility that has loads of parking and extras such as a movie theater and a bowling alley. It also has a large casino floor that was a plus for someone looking for that type of entertainment. By having the GN in April we avoided the summer heat. However, we did experience very windy conditions on Friday and Saturday. The hotel is in the far northwest part of the city and everything is new and much more inviting, in my opinion, than the casino strip.

The Las Vegas chapter ran a very well organized event with very good tours and first class meeting accommodations. There were 279 members pre-registered for the GN. The Wednesday evening welcome reception must have been the best ever with a large buffet meal that was excellent. After the meal the annual auction was held for the Museum and Research Center in Hickory Corners. This year a custom-built '93 Eldorado convertible was auctioned off for about \$11,000, as well as many other unique items.

Tours included trips down to the strip and their various tourist attractions (there are many). I participated in the tour of two great car collections. The Heinrich Collection is based at the large Fairway Chevrolet Dealership just east of downtown. The Heinrich's have many very nice Corvettes, Camaros, early Chevrolets and custom Chevrolets. The collection manager drives these cars on a regular basis.

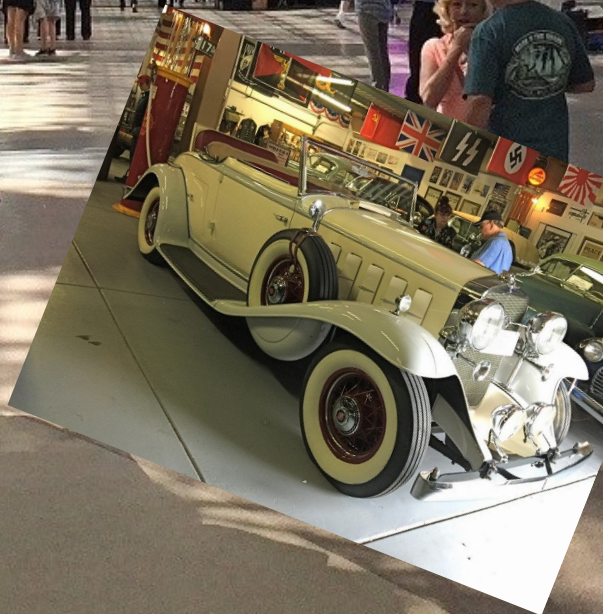
The Maloof collection was a highlight for me. This collection is located in a northern residential section of the city. The Maloof family is a highly successful family of Lebanese decent. The collection has been put together by Phil Maloof. He is affectionately called Uncle Phil. His favorite car is the '41 Cadillac. He owns 32 of the '41's. His cars are all very nice but not kept in concours condition. He encourages visitors to touch the cars and have a seat in them. The collection includes: V-12 and V-16 Cadillac's and many other Cadillacs, Buicks, Packards, Auburns, Duesenbergs, R/R's, LaSalle, LaFrance, Olds, Chevys and other makes. He also has Farmall tractors and army vehicles. I could have spent a lot more time at this collection.

As usual, Saturday morning was the judging of cars. 103 cars were registered to be judged. There were many, many fine cars presented. It always amazes me at the great number of excellent cars that are judged at a Grand National. We had two V-16's this year. We had an excellent group of volunteers for the judging which is a must to make it a successful event. After a tough, grueling week of car events, it was time to head home on Sunday and start thinking about next year's event, which will be in McClean, Va.

Indiana Region attendees were: Bill Hedge, Lars and Jaunda Kneller, Bill and Beth Reedy and Warner and Pat Young.



**"Now you swear and kick and beg us
That you're not a gamblin' man
Then you find you're back in Vegas
With a handle in your hand
Your black cards can make you money
So you hide them when you're able
In the land of milk and honey
You must put them on the table."**
D.Fagen & W. Becker 1972



Significant discussions from the semi-annual Board meeting:

Current membership is 6,863, that's up 28 from last year.

We have 640 new members in the past year. The trend for new members is slowing.

The Self Starter won its 13th consecutive Golden Quill award.

A one-year provisional approval was granted for a '59/'60 Chapter.

The 2017 European GN will be in Stockholm Aug. 23 – 27, 2017.

Chief Judge Bill Anderson announced new judging forms, judge recognition system and judges training for 2017.

Cadillac under wrote the cost of the welcome banquet this year and the trophy awards for three years.

National driving tours will be in the Lower Hudson Valley from July 6-9 this year and on Route 66 by the West of the Lake Region (Chicago) in 2017.

The 2017 Grand National will be in McClean , Va. and in San Antonio for 2018.

The Museum and Research Center (at Hickory Corners, Mi.) has reduced the loan balance to \$40,000.

There will be a Wall of Fame kiosk installed at the MRC at Hickory Corners



Report from Las Vegas

By Bill Hedge

Weather: With the Las Vegas region hosting a car show on Sunday and a driving tour on Tuesday, I decided to leave for the Las Vegas Grand National on Saturday. My flight from Chicago departed on time. Unfortunately the 20 minute layover scheduled in Kansas City stretched into a 3 hour delay due to the record rain fall occurring in Las Vegas. The rain fall was so heavy that it beat a 73 year record for rain fall on that day and caused floods and over 127 car crashes. Most of the car crashes were caused by single vehicles hydroplaning. Flood warning were issued for Saturday when 0.81 inches of rain was reported at the National Weather Service official measuring site. Sunday also broke that day's record with 0.40 inches of rain beating out the previous record of 0.13 inches. I heard several reports of several casinos sand bagging the entrance to the casino to prevent water from entering the casino. Fortunately, I had decided to stay at Circus Circus on the strip on Saturday night and therefore did not have to spend much time on the road getting to the hotel.

Off the beaten path: On Sunday, because of the rain that was intermittently falling, I decided to visit Count's Kustoms, the home of the History Channel program "Counting Cars". The entrance to Count's Kustoms seems to be much smaller than seen on TV. Upon entering Count's Kustoms you encounter a small collection of cars and clothing items and other souvenirs. The collection included a 1972? Cadillac Eldorado with the "Superfly" customized look, along with a lowered 1959 Cadillac.



Las Vegas Region Car Show: Since the rain had pretty much stopped at this time, I decided to make the trip to Henderson which was to be the site of the Las Vegas Region's show. When I arrived at the show, I was somewhat surprised to see a pretty good turn out of cars. Amongst the cars on exhibit were the 1993 Eldorado convertible that was scheduled for auction Wednesday evening and, a teens or early '20's Cadillac that was driven from Oregon. The owner reported only one minor breakdown in his trip. In addition, there were several other pre war Cadillacs and one La Salle.

Museum Auction: As usual, the Welcome Reception was followed by the museum auction. In addition to the assorted items sold at silent auction, the highlight of the evening was the sale of a 1993 custom El dorado convertible. The auction started off with the auctioneer performing an Elvis impersonation. For the first time, the person at the auction was bidding against, not only his fellow auction attendees, but also against an ebay bidder via telephone. The car auction alone raised \$11,000.00 for the museum. Since the successful bidder was from Las Vegas the club also avoided the expense of shipping the car to his residence. Together with the car auction, a very generous donation of \$15,000.00 from the Wisconsin Region, the museum's \$31,000.00 debt was eliminated, which now allows the museum board to proceed with plans to double the size of the museum.



Our Heritage

By Jeff Shively

Imagine for a moment....no Auburn. By that I mean no ACD Museum, no ACD Festival, no auction, no Parade of Classics, no NATM, or any of the other great museums. Instead, Auburn is a bedroom community for Fort Wayne. Would our hobby even look the same?

Fortunately, men of vision stepped up at crucial times to lead the way. The ACD Club was started by a newspaper ad. The ACD Museum started with a fraction of the floor space it has today in an unrestored building. The first auctions were held at the local high school. Today, Auburn is less of a town, and more of an experience, like Hershey.

What if I told you that in 2016, we have the same opportunity to be men and women of vision? That there is a new frontier, ready to be opened up. That opportunity sits in Kokomo, Indiana, waiting for someone with enough vision and determination to see it through. That is the purpose of the Bicentennial event that I call "Kokomo Salutes Indiana's Automotive Heritage, 1894-1964."

When I came to Kokomo in 2012, I believed that Kokomo could become a venue, a true home to our hobby, along the same lines as Auburn. The best part about Kokomo is that it has a lot of things already in place. We have an automotive

museum, that with some work and funding, could truly be a world class facility. On July 4th weekend, we have a festival, the Haynes-Apperson Festival. There are two parades during the festival, one of Thursday and one on Saturday. As part of the Bicentennial, we are trying to create a Haynes and Apperson Club, allowing collectors to share their knowledge on these rare cars. Kokomo does not have an auction. Our hospitality is second to none, with hotels and restaurants to suit everyone's tastes. Kokomo is easy to get to as well, and less than an hour from downtown Indianapolis.

What has been missing is the vision to assemble these elements into a package that can be sold to hobbyists. That is why the fall event of "KSI AH" is so important. Having a pair of driving tours visiting the far reaches of the state and showing those residents what we have in Kokomo, thanks to the evening news, will hopefully bring tourists to Kokomo to see the Grand Classic, the Grand STuTZ, the Mighty Marmon Muster, and the Haynes-Apperson Reunion. The Sunday motor muster should be equally impressive and show locals and visitors alike the power of automotive tourism. This weeklong event could be the catalyst that will eventually make Kokomo a venue for collectors from across the globe, just like Auburn.

As CLC members, you will probably be hearing from me regarding the Muster or the driving tours, and from Steve Ortman and his team about the Grand Classic if you have a Full Classic®. Please say yes....be a volunteer, a judge, a tabulator, a runner, or a field marshal. Bring out your Cadillac, LaSalle or Indiana-built car. Maybe you have something nice that was built before 1977....let's see it. Help put Kokomo on the map. Let's work for the day when "the City of Firsts" joins the "Classic City" as a home for our hobby.

Hoosier Tailfin Automotive Challenge

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1. What was the first model year for the DTS?
A. 2002 B. 2003 C. 2005 D. 2006
2. What do the initials DTS stand for?
3. What do the initials STS stand for?
4. In eight calendar year sales, the STS sold how many vehicles?
A. 85,600 B. 118,332 C. 178,250 D. 241,300
5. What year was the key start ignition introduced?
A. 1949 B. 1950 C. 1951 D. 1953
6. The 1965 60 Special was 2.5" longer than a DeVille or Calais. T or F
7. What model year was the 1st Cadillac built outside of Detroit?
A. 1963 B. 1971 C. 1973 D. 1975
8. What year was the Cimarron introduced?
A. 1979 B. 1980 C. 1981 D. 1982
9. 1989 was the last year for the Cimarron? T or F
10. 4,442 V-16's were produced. What % were built in the 1st year, 1930?
A. 41% B. 50% C. 59% D. 65%
11. The ATS will not be sold in China. T or F

April Quiz Answers

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| 1. B. 1984 | 7. A \$44300 |
| 2. C. 1990 | 8. C. 1955 |
| 3. True, 1990 | 9. B. 10.8% |
| 4. True | 10. False |
| 5. A. 1924 | 11. D. 1969 |
| 6. C. 1933 | 12. False V-12 ended in '37 |

You and your Cadillac

