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Spirit of St. Louis Region Classic Car Club of America



The Spirit of St. Louis Region Board of Managers at the April 2018 Board Meeting. Sylvia Keller Photo.

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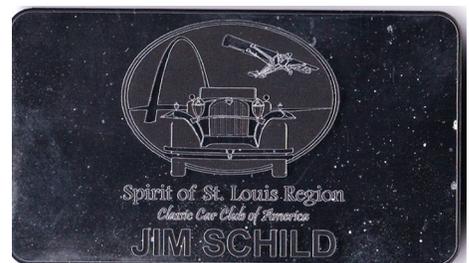
As I reported in an earlier group email, the 2018 National CCCA Annual Meeting in Branson, MO was a lot of fun, and it was great to see so many SSR members, plus four Classics, in attendance representing our Region. During the Regional Awards Banquet, our Region received two Special Achievement Awards, a 1st Place in the Membership Award category for membership stability and growth, and a 2nd Place for the Chuck Conrad Website Award. Congratulations to all of you for your contributions in making our Region one of the best in the country!

Fulfilling a promise made at our Regional Annual Meeting last November, Mike Eberhardt, our guest speaker at that event, will be firing up the Chrysler Turbine Car at the Earl C. Lindburg Automobile Center at the Museum of Transportation in suburban St. Louis County on Saturday, May 19th, at 11:00 am. It just so happens that the Annual Pistons and Pumpers Show is taking place that day, where vintage fire engines and trucks from around the area will be on display. So, come on out and make a day of it at the MOT!

Our monthly Spirit Nights continue in May at the Big Chief Roadhouse in Wildwood, MO on Tuesday, May 1st. Arranged by SSR member Larry Hassel, the restaurant has a celebrated history dating back to 1929, and is reputed to have hosted among its many guests the legendary Babe Ruth, and the notorious Chicagoland gangster, Al Capone. We may even get a brief historical overview of this iconic landmark presented by the general manager.

If you have an idea for an activity, or you know of an event that may be of interest to our members,

please let me or any of our Board members know.....we want to continue to deliver the best possible experience in the SSR Region that we can! John Lowell



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which are made on-site, include The Duke (Pale Ale), The Bennie (Bock), The Batch 1000 (Double IPA), The Northern (American Style Light Lager) and The Stout. Seasonal brews are featured throughout the year.

Hosted by Tom Roberson

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Spirit of St. Louis Region
Classic Car Club of America

Across the Editor's Desk

It seems like winter of 2017-2018 is never going to end in the Spirit of St. Louis Region but the first of May is showing up with a warmer scene and hope for a great spring and summer of fun with our Classic Cars.

We made it through the annual SSR membership Kick-Off Meeting at Hyman's with a wonderful turnout that included a few new members. Many of us attended the Horsepower Heals St. Baldrick's Foundation fund raising event March 1 at Hyman's to support research for fighting Neuroblastoma. See the article in this issue for more information and pictures.

Fourteen Spirit St. Louis Region members and four of our Classics showed up in Branson in April for the Classic Car Club of America Annual Meeting and Grand Classic at the Hilton Convention Center. The weather threatened but the event went well anyway and all had a good time. Story and pictures are here in this issue.

May 1 brings another Spirit Night and this one will be held at the Big Chief Restaurant out west a bit on Highway 100 (Manchester Road). See information about this event in this issue. Check out the calendar on the back page for a list of some of the upcoming events and shows for the region and try to attend as many as you can. Bring the family and friends to join in the fun and fellowship that always occurs. The June Sprit Night will be held at the Granite City Food and Brewery on Olive on June 5.

Don't forget the Deadline for the Spark Plug newsletter is always the 20th of the month preceding the next issue which in this case is June 20th.



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In Memoriam

Longtime Spirit Region member **Elizabeth A. (Beth) Marshall** passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, after a lengthy illness. Beth was a beloved husband to the late and former SSR member Alex Marshall, Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Aunt, Cousin and friend to many. I will remember with fondness her smiling face at our 2017 SSR Annual Meeting last November. May the entire Marshall family be comforted in their sorrow, and May She Rest in Peace.

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Membership Musings



It was a week of firsts for me. First annual meeting. First visit to Branson. First 250 mile journey in my '36 Cadillac. I think I was wide-eyed from the moment I left my house in the wee hours of Wednesday morning. I didn't know what to expect but I was looking forward to four days of seeing and talking to people who share our hobby. It

was a chance to spend more quality time with the other fourteen Spirit Region members who attended. It was a chance to meet and learn about people from other regions. It was a chance to talk to the people who volunteer to run CARavans, publications, judging, and the national board.

With few distractions and lots of travel time to and from events, what a great opportunity to get to know some new people, different cars, and different ways of doing things.

Among the concerns addressed in the regional meetings is the slow or, for some, accelerating membership attrition that the national rolls and many of the regions are experiencing. In the Spirit region we've been somewhat holding our own. I think the warning message from many other regions is that the club needs to be attracting new members. So, in addition to enjoying our cars and our existing friendships we need to be open to and looking for opportunities to



It was a great treat for Myrna and I to haul Todd's 1931 Cadillac to Branson.

IN MEMORIAM

I am saddened to inform you that long time Spirit Region member, Jack Folluo, passed away on Monday morning, April 30, 2018. Jack was a fine and kind gentleman who was always quick with a smile on his face. He will be greatly missed by everyone. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Joann, and the entire Folluo family.
John Lowell



John "Jack" Folluo

November 11, 1929 - April 30, 2018
St. Louis County, Missouri

Folluo, John M. "Jack" entered into rest on Monday, April 30, 2018 at age 88. Beloved husband of M. Joann Folluo (nee Boswell) for 60 years. Beloved father of Ellen (Dave) Wilke and John (Deanna) Folluo. Loving grandpa of Jenna and Amanda Folluo and Chloe Wilke. Dear uncle, cousin and friend to many. Jack retired from the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Dept. after 25 years. He was a member of the International Police Assn., St. Louis Police Veteran's Assn., St. Louis Police Leadership Org., Classic Car Club of America, Cadillac & La Salle Club, Horseless Carriage Club of MO., RV Amateur Radio Club, American Legion, and Concord Trinity UMC. Jack is a proud U. S. Navy Veteran. Memorials to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PANCAN.ORG) are appreciated.

Services: Visitation Saturday, (5/5/18) from 3 to 8 pm at JOHN L. ZIEGENHEIN & SONS FUNERAL HOMES (South County), 4830 Lemay Ferry Rd. (63129). Funeral Monday (5/7/18) 1:30 pm at the funeral home followed by interment in J. B. National Cemetery

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2018 National Annual Meeting Recap

SSR Region Receives Two Special Recognition Awards

Story by John Lowell and Jim Schild

The 2018 National CCCA Annual Meeting was held in Branson, Missouri in mid-April, and by any measure I think anyone who attended would admit to a great overall experience. Not only was the four day schedule packed with things to do and see, but the locale put our Region, as well as the great State of Missouri, on center stage. It was gratifying to see so much support from our Region, and by my count there were seventeen regular and associate members in attendance, plus four Classics that were entered in the Grand Classic.

Early bird registration began on a Wednesday and that afternoon a number of guests boarded the Branson Railway directly across from the Hilton host hotel, for a scenic tour of the Ozarks in domed passenger cars from a bygone era. Everyone was on their own for dinner that evening, but later all were invited to the Hospitality Suite on the 12th floor of the Hilton to share in some good cheer and fellowship with members representing Regions from across the country.

Day 2 of the week's activities began with a continental breakfast just outside of the meeting rooms, and this is a great time to meet and engage with members from other regions. It goes without saying that the topic of these conversations is all about our Classics.

Immediately following breakfast, a full membership meeting open to all attendees was conducted by the National Board. This meeting follows a specified agenda whereby each Board member gives a report on his or her committee responsibilities. In addition, the voting results of the National ballot are announced and new incoming Board members are introduced. The new members joining the 2018 National Board are David Kane of the Metro NY Region and Webster Petersen of the Upper Midwest Region. This was also the final Board Meeting chaired by outgoing President Tom Jones. He will be succeeded by Carrol Jensen, who has served in various capacities on the National level for a number of years.

I particularly enjoyed the meeting on Publications/Websites, conducted by Ron Verschoor, Editor of the National *Classic Car* magazine and *Bulletin*, and thought his presentation was very interesting and informative. Ron is also the Director of the Southern California Region, and shared many ideas for Regional Directors and Editors to consider to keep content for their respective Regional publications and websites fresh, interesting and informative to their members.

Late morning found us boarding one of the three buses which departed the hotel destined for lunch at a themed restaurant full of memorabilia decorating the walls and ceilings. While lunch was being served, hot rolls were tossed around the room by the wait staff, some landing safely in waiting hands, others hitting unsuspecting guests in the head, while many missed their mark altogether and landed on the floor.

After lunch it was back on the bus for a short ride to the Branson Auto and Farm Museum. This is an incredible collection of rare vintage farm tractors, threshers, and other implements, along with a nice car collection. I spotted a few Classics during the tour.

Interestingly, almost everything in the museum is for sale.

In the late afternoon, buses departed the hotel for dinner and a show cruise aboard the Branson Belle paddle wheeler. Unfortunately, due to inclement weather and high winds, the ship was unable to cruise, however the dinner was excellent and the show and performers provided fun entertainment.

Day 3 of the meeting once again began with a wonderful continental breakfast following by a Regional Relations Meeting. It was in this meeting that Carrol Jensen was nominated as President and there being no opposition, she conducted her first meeting in that role. Outgoing President Tom Jones was presented with a Past Presidents pin for his service to the Board and National Club.

Immediately following this short meeting, everyone gathered in the hotel lobby for a rather long bus ride to the Evergreen Automotive Collection in Lebanon, Missouri. Owned by Steve Plaster, the collection houses almost 500 rare motorcars representing some 150 makes of cars, mostly convertibles, and many of them Full Classics. A separate room is dedicated solely to Duesenbergs! We were given two hours to explore this collection, however one could have spent many more hours to fully absorb all that was there.

Shortly after returning to the hotel, we departed for the Regional Awards Banquet at the Stormy Point Clubhouse. Entertainment was provided by country music artist Mickey Gilley. At the conclusion of dinner, newly elected President Carrol Jensen, and Vicki Zeiger, head of Regional Relations, presented Special Achievement awards in various categories to a number of Regions, including the SSR Region. Our Region was honored with two awards, and I was pleased to accept on behalf of our Club a 1st Place in the Membership Award for membership stability and growth, and a 2nd Place in the Chuck Conrad Website Award, finishing only behind the much larger Southern California Region.

The Saturday Grand Classic was a bit shy in numbers but the 14 Classics shown and displayed were of a great variety, quality and interest. The Spirit of St. Louis Region was well represented with four cars entered by our local members. James Daniels from the Kansas City area brought his very rare and unusual 1921 Daniels D-19 Fleetwood Town Car. This car had a lot of original features and was very interesting to everyone at the show. John Gibson's 1931 Pierce-Arrow Phaeton was a hit as always. Todd Tobiasz Drove his beautiful 1936 Cadillac V-8 convertible sedan from St. Louis to Branson and back without problems. Todd had two cars at the show as Myrna and I brought his 1931 Cadillac 355A Seven Passenger Sedan to Branson by trailer and delivered in the convention center Friday evening.

It was a treat for Myrna and I as not only were we the previous owners of this Cadillac, we found that the silver 1936 Pierce-Arrow Seven Passenger Sedan at the show was the same one that was sitting in the same building in Columbus, Ohio in 1983 where we found the Cadillac. It was a fun story to share with its current owner. Other interesting Classics at the meeting were a rare original unrestored 1936 Horch 853 Cabriolet from Osage, Missouri, one of only four Horch in the Classic Car Club. The other Classics included Cadillac, Packard, Marmon, Chrysler, Brewster and Auburn.

**Pictures from the 2018 CCCA Annual Meeting by
John Lowell, Wendell Smith and Jim Schild.**



More pictures from the 2018 Branson CCCA Annual Meeting





This happy group of SSR members was in attendance at the March 1st Benefit for the Horsepower Heals Baldrick's Foundation fund raising event at Hyman's, Ltd. The event was in honor of Ariana Dougan, Daughter of Sean Dougan. A total of \$10,000 was raised for this very worthy cause that we hope might become an annual event.

Cover Photo—*This is your Spirit of St. Louis Region CCCA Board of Managers at a recent Board Meeting. Left to right (rear) are: Tom Roberson, Jim Schild, Kevin Williams, Barbara Knudsen, Thomas Quick, Jim Heslop, Linda Hill and John Lowell. (front row) Larry Hassel, Dave Groerich and Todd Tobiasz. Photo by Sylvia Keller.*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2018

Chrysler Turbine Car Start Up, Museum of Transportation. 1100 a.m. May 19, 2018

June 2018

>>Classic Experience at Hickory Coroners, Michigan June 3, 2018

>>Spirit Night, Granite City Food and Brewery, Creve Coeur, MO June 5, 2018

The Elegance at Hershey, Hershey, Pennsylvania June 8-10, 2018

HCCM Father's Day Car Show. Museum of Transportation June 17, 2018

Spark Plug Submission Deadline June 20, 2018

July 2018

>>SSR Spirit Night . Host and location TBD July 2, 2018