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JULY AUGUST 2016 NEWSLETTER

2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 2016 EVENTS

- >>Spirit Night, The Hills, Host Leon & Linda Hill - 5
- >>CCCA Ohio Mini-Caravan, Columbiana County, OH - 6-10
- >>Grand Classic, Salem Golf Club, Salem, OH, Ohio Region – 9
- Concours d'Elegance of America, Plymouth, MI, - 29-31

AUGUST 2016 EVENTS

- >> Spirit Night, Princivelly's, Host Abbotts - 2
- 7th Annual Veteran's Car Show, 40/8 Vets, Purina Farms - 20
- Pebble Beach Concours d' Elegance, Pebble Beach – Carmel - 21

SEPTEMBER 2016 EVENTS

- ACD Reunion & Auctions, ACD Club, Auburn, IN - 1-4
- >>Spirit Night, Wildwood Pub & Grill, Host Robersons - 6
- >>Classic New England CARavan, New England Region - 9-17
- >>Grand Classic, Indiana Region, Kokomo, IN - 10
- Wheels in Motion Car Show, Westport Plaza - 11
- Hollywood Casino Swap Meet & Car Show, HCCM - 18

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Region Director's Message

Dear SSR CCCA members,

It isn't easy to find myself in my current position. How do you put into words, the right words, when someone has touched your life?

I first met John Porbeck personally in the spring of 2008. I was the new editor of the *Spark Plug* and I was getting a bit nervous that I did not have a good article to feature in the next issue. I forget who, but someone recommended that I contact John Porbeck who owned an especially beautiful 1931 Pierce Arrow Dual Cowl Phaeton. John not only wrote a great piece for the newsletter, but he also personally dropped it off at my home, so I would have it in plenty of time. He was considerate. He was caring. He shared his passion of Classics and the hobby freely... with a smile... with a soft voice. When John was present, you had the reassurance that you were in the company of a great man.

From St. Louis, Missouri to Hershey, Pennsylvania, there were not too many in our hobby that did not know John Porbeck. There were even a few who called him a "walking encyclopedia" of Classic knowledge, and they were very right. By profession, he was a teacher. As it turns out, he did indeed teach all of us, and we are better for it.

John joined our Region in 1998 and almost immediately began volunteering. He served in many positions on our board and served on the committees of a number of our events including the 2005 Classic Car Club of America Annual Meeting, hosted by our Region. John was almost always present. He was almost always a helping hand.

From lending his private collections to tours, judging seminars and meetings, to coming back and serving on the board these past few years, I often found myself asking John for help. He never hesitated. John was also one who I looked up to for honest advice.

While I saw and spoke to John last at our board meeting in April, I will choose to always remember him, as I found him, at our last Membership Kickoff Meeting at Hyman Ltd. It was right before we began the meeting and John was sitting by himself. Members, families and friends buzzing all around him. He sat quietly contemplating his personal pocket calendar (he always carried one) and the SSR CCCA handout calendar. I approached him and asked him how he was doing. He smiled and said, "Just fine!" When I asked him what he was doing he told me, "Planning my year. Looks like I am going to be busy!"

With a heavy heart I extend my sincere condolences to John's wife Mary, the Porbeck family, as well as to our hobby. We have lost a true hobbyist. However, and even more so, we have lost a true friend.

We will miss you John.

Shannon Olson, SSR CCCA Regional Director

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Upcoming Board Meeting Dates

Monday August 1, 2016

Monday October 3, 2016

(Final Board Meeting with current BOD)

6:30pm

350 Afshari Drive

Florissant, MO 63034

All SSR CCCA members are welcome to attend board meetings. If you would like to be placed on the agenda, please contact Shannon Olson or Jim Heslop.

Across the Editor's Desk

This special issue of the Spirit of St. Louis Region Spark Plug newsletter is dedicated to one of our most well-liked members and member of the current board of managers, John Porbeck.

Check out all of the pages in this issue to find and plan for the many fun and interesting events and activities for 2016.

Don't forget the deadline for material in the next issue is the 20th of August, 2016

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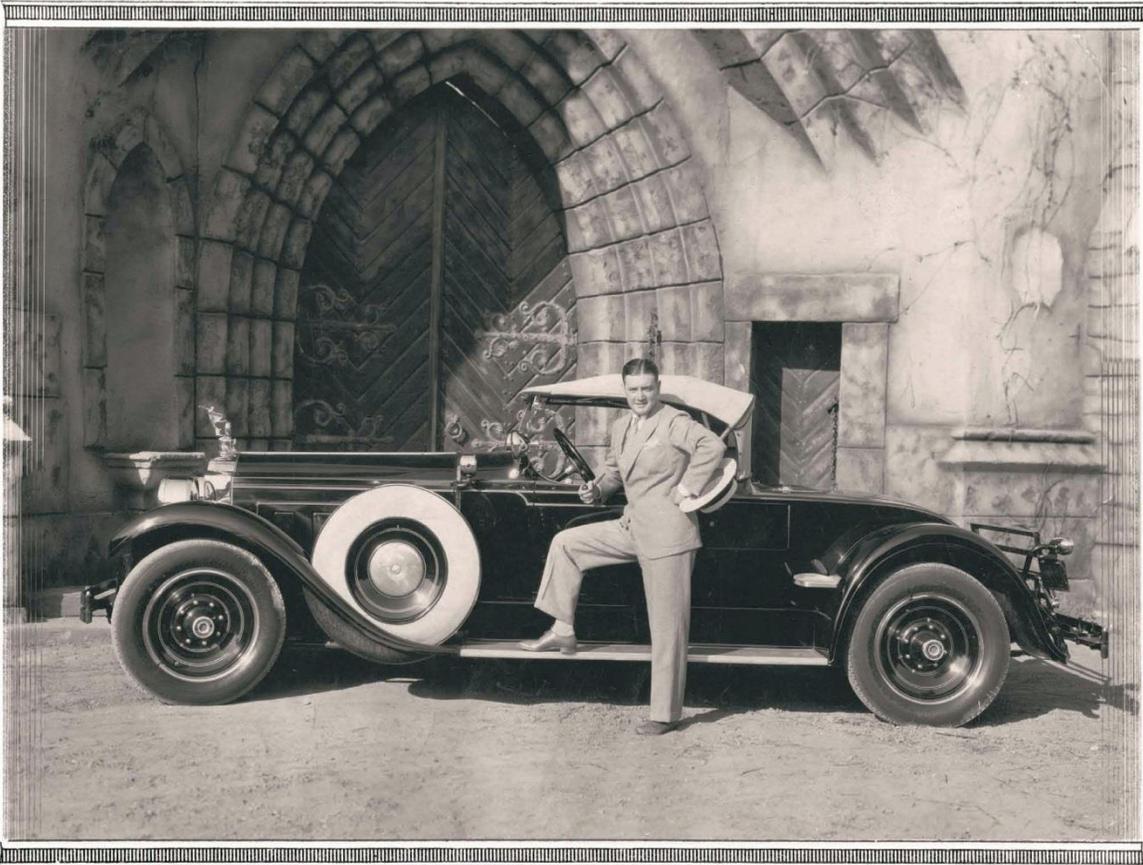
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We have lost a wonderful friend by Tom Roberson

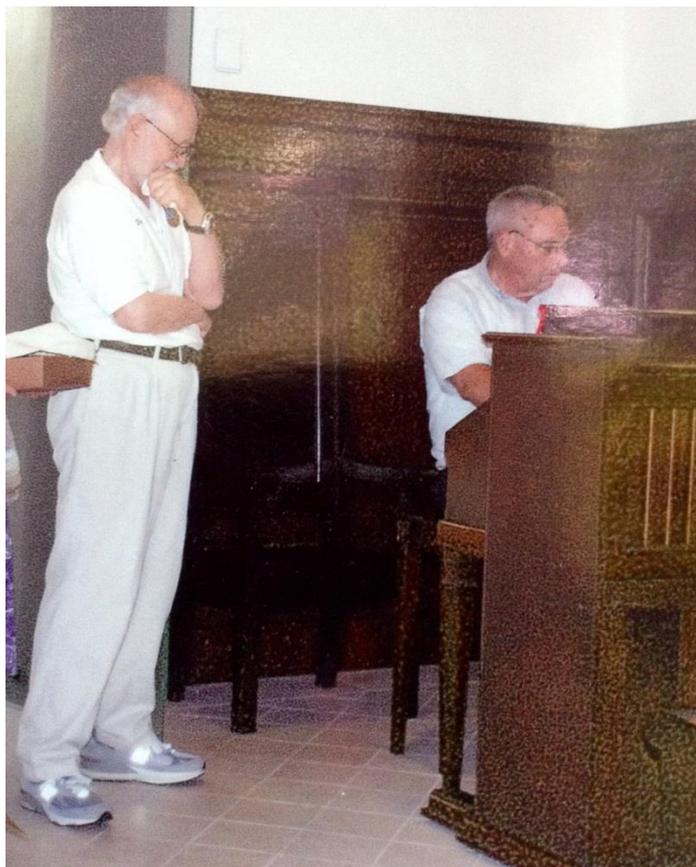
We have lost a wonderful friend and great car collector with the passing of John Porbeck in May, 2016. He was an active member and contributor to many of the car clubs in St. Louis and the Midwest region and had served in a leadership role in all of them. He was a man of many talents and interests. His extensive car collection was made up of classics such as his 1932 Pierce Arrow Cabriolet, his 1928 Packard Opera Coupe, and some cars of the 50' such as a very unique 1955 Packard Patrician or a 1953 DeSoto.

He had a very particular or specific reason for buying his cars and as a result took a lot of kidding from his friends in the various car clubs. John loved to attend the car show auction events and those close to John knew he would always see a car he needed to add to his collection. One particular car was a source of kidding from several of us. One day I asked him why in the world he purchased the Hudson Jet. His reply revealed a lot about John. He pointed out that it was the last effort of a great car maker to produce a competitive compact car for the American market. He said it was in good shape but just wasn't getting the bids and he couldn't let it go at such a low price, then he added that it really was a unique car and the local Hudson Club members would really enjoy seeing the car.

Every club in the region benefitted from one of John's unique acquisitions, whether it be a Pierce, Packard, Hudson, or Willy's Jeep. John brought something special to every club besides cars. He loved to get the cars out and drive them to events, cruises, and caravans. John was truly a renaissance man. I was fortunate on two occasions to be present when he drew upon his great musical talent. Around 2004 the Packard club had planned a weekend trip to Fulton, Missouri to tour a car museum and the Churchill Memorial. John had a friend who was a guide for the museum and had been a guide for the Churchill Memorial. We were finishing an extensive behind the scene tour and were sitting in the Church of St. Mary's. The guide was commenting on how the organ had been built just for this Wren church and it was a shame we didn't have someone to play it....at that moment a wonderful full rendition of the hymn How Great Thou Art filled the church. John had snuck up to the organ to add a special touch to our tour. Many years later John had sponsored a one day tour of the

Bellerive Cemetery. After the tour of the famous and infamous graves, the group was resting in the chapel that had a freshly restored pump organ. John graciously sat and gave us a brief concert on this beautiful antique. Yes, John made every occasion special and contributed in so many ways. He was a talented, giving, and creative friend to many. He loved the cars he drove and became a great source of knowledge and history on each of his cars.

He loved to share the stories of his cars and each car had a story. John loved to meet with his friends over a meal and share these stories. I can think of no greater way to honor John's memory than by taking time to meet with friends and share one of the stories that John shared with you.



Above photos by Tom Roberson.

Remembrances of John Porbeck By John Lowell

I will remember John Porbeck as a great friend and kind gentleman who was a wonderful conversationalist and knowledgeable on a wide range of subjects. I will remember and keep close the memories of traveling with him each year to Hershey and of the stops along the way at antique shops and his favorite restaurant for dinner in West Virginia. I will remember the excitement that lit up his face when we finally arrived in Hershey. And oh the memories of this man during the 3 days we would spend on the fields looking for stuff. Things like the straw hat he would wear with the green visor to keep the sun at bay, or his pushcart to put parts in that doubled as a seat to rest on when he was tired from the grind of each of the fields. And the memories of meeting back at our cars at the end of a long day and sharing stories of cars we saw or things we found, maybe over a beer or two. And watching him pack the things he bought in the small car he drove to Hershey.....somehow he found a place for everything! This was John Porbeck.....I will remember.

John Porbeck – A True car guy By Don Hoelscher

I first met John when he joined the Classic Car Club and Horseless Carriage Club in the late 90's. Over the years John & I worked together at many, many club events. John didn't just belong to these clubs he became involved. You could always count on John to help out when needed.

John has a large collection of Antique & Classic Cars (9 Classics) and Car related memorabilia. Many of the Cars are high point restorations. Over the years he opened up his collections to the Clubs. His collection included various makes although his favorite mark was Pierce Arrow.

John was a regular at the CCCA – Spirit Region events; Car Shows, Garage Tours, Spirit Nights, Annual Meeting and Grand Classic that we hosted. He displayed his Pierce at Hickory Corners. He was a Regional Board member.

As a member of the Horseless Carriage Club he was always working at the Easter Show, Father's Day Show, Swap Meet & the St. Louis Auto Show and usually had a Car on display at these events. He hosted the Club's Judging Seminar several times.

Over the years the three John's (John Groll, John Lowell & John Porbeck) made the Hershey trek each October. I would usually run into John as he was always looking to add to his collection.

John was a true gentleman and I am proud to have known him, he will be missed.





Above Photos by Don Hoelscher

More photos below of John Porbeck by John Gibson and Walt May of John and his cars and collection. The pictures are from Hershey, the Pierce-Arrow meet, John's collection facility and other tours and shows.







Jaguar Club Tour with the Spirit CCCA Region by Wendell Smith and Phil Taxman

On May 14th the Jaguar club, thanks to Phil Taxman, once again invited Spirit of St Louis CCCA members to participate on one of their tours. The weather was unusually brisk and windy with some threatening rain. However, twenty five cars, including three full classics showed up for a really fun and meaningful experience.

CCCC and Jaguar club member Phil Taxman did an excellent job organizing the tour. We started at 8:30 in the morning by providing a two hour car show at the VA Nursing Home in North St Louis County. The residents at the facility seemed to really enjoy looking at the cars and visiting with club members. This is a very humbling experience, visiting our Veterans at a difficult time in their lives.

Following the car show we followed Phil's excellent driving instructions and traversed into Illinois to visit the Louis and Clark facilities at the Missouri/Mississippi River confluence. Phil had arranged a special group tour for those wanting to go up the 180 foot observation tower. The tower is owned and operated by the city of Hartford, Illinois. Participants were impressed with the facility and the spectacular views it offered. It was a special day at the Confluence Tower, as it marked the Tower's 6th birthday.

In route back into Missouri for lunch, we stopped by Fort Bellefontaine. Fort Bellefontaine served as the Spanish security post before the Lewis and Clark Expedition and was the major US Army Fort in the west prior to Jefferson Barracks. Today the Fort is a St Louis County Park. The ten or so old barracks serve as a juvenile reform center for the county judicial system. We stopped by the marker where Lewis and Clark camped, which also afforded us great views of the Fort remains and the mighty Mississippi. Back into the cars for a 20 minute drive our lunch stop.

Our half day car show and tour ended with lunch at Hendel's Market in old town Florissant. Over 30 people stayed for lunch and enjoyed this quaint cafe. This was a wonderful way to spend a Saturday morning, enjoying our cars on the road and spending some community service time with our Vets.



Pictures above are by Wendell Smith and are from the joint Jaguar Club and Spirit of St. Louis Region CCA tour May 14, 2016. The red Jaguar and red Corvette are Non-Classics of course. Classics attending were Wendell's 1927 Rolls-Royce Windovers All Weather, Bob Abbott's 1929 Cadillac Fleetwood 3525 Town Cabriolet and John Gibson's 1929 Pierce-Arrow touring.

Spirit Night
July 12, 2016 6:30pm
At



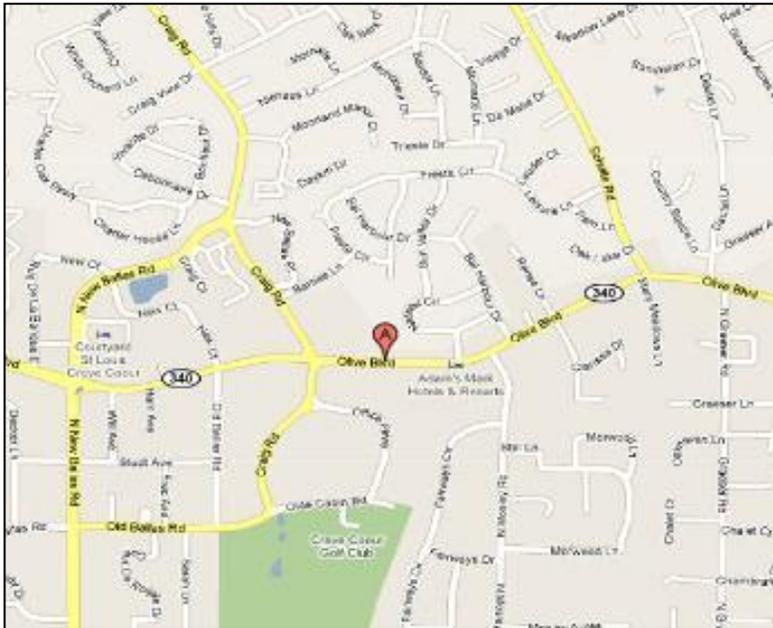
Wild Boar Sliders, London Broil, signature pastas *AND* one of a kind beers, including the Duke of Wellington (an English ale) and Broad Axe Stout (an authentic Irish beer) all await you at our July Spirit Night!

As you can tell, the Granite City Food and Brewery offers a broad menu of items that are prepared fresh daily and are served in generous portions at reasonable prices. Their handcrafted beers are moderately priced and offer unique styles and flavors not typically produced by major breweries.

*****Spirit Night participants will also enjoy a historic presentation by head curator Ed Golterman of the St. Louis Kiel Opera House, Muny and Coliseum. Photos and information panels will also be displayed and feature items of interest pertaining to the Kiel Opera House.***

The meeting starts at 6:30pm and will go until 8:30pm. Your July Spirit Night sponsors are Leon & Linda Hill.

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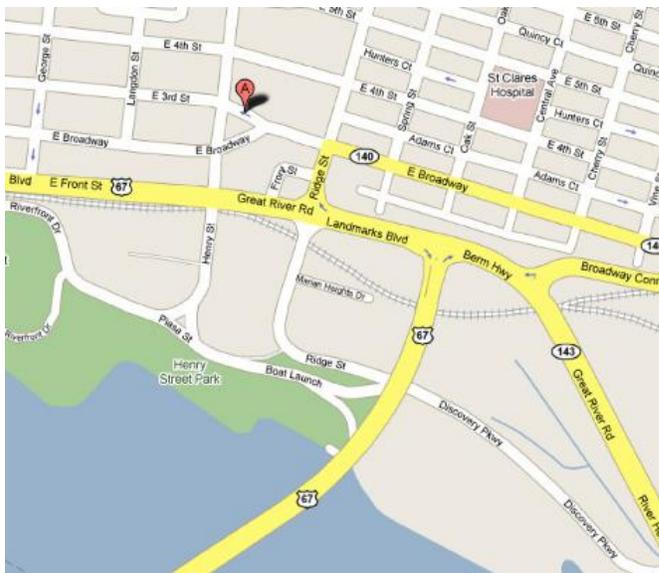


Opened in February 2000, the café started with 12 seats and now has 100. The food, served Italian style is unquestionably good. Among its best are the baked lasagna and pork tenderloin sandwich. Their cheesecake, which is served daily, comes right from The Hill.

The meeting starts at 6:30pm and will go until 8:30pm. Your August Spirit Night sponsors are Bob and Sonia Abbott.

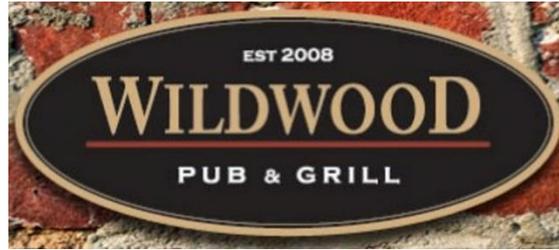
A video presentation of the 1989 CARavan will be of interest to all attendees.

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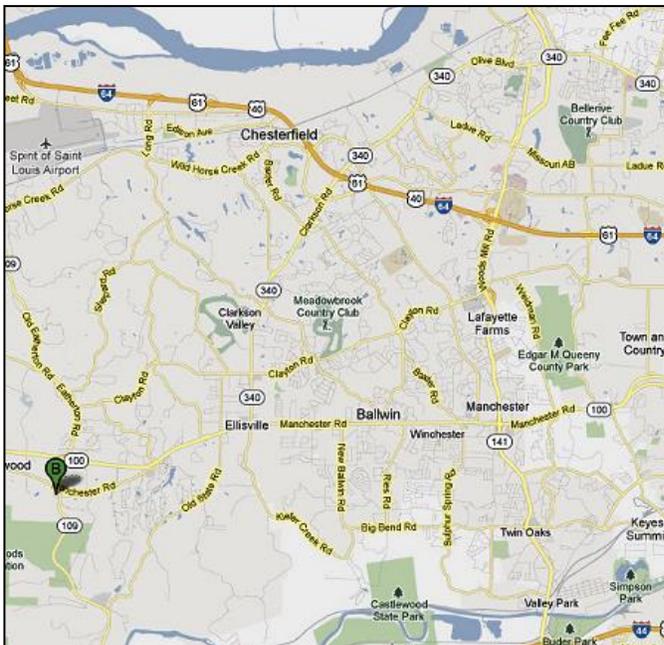
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July 10, 2016

11:00am – 4:00pm

All cars 25 years and older are welcome. There will be plenty of parking for everyone.

The Missouri Veteran's Home
10600 Lewis & Clark Blvd.

Lunch will be provided for all and will give you an opportunity to visit with our Veterans!

Questions? Need to RSVP? Contact Bill Albertin at:
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The Spirit of St. Louis Region of the Classic Car Club invites you to join them for a scenic fall caravan to Ste. Genevieve, MO.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2016

MEETING LOCATION & TIME - 8:30AM - 699 GRAVOIS BLUFFS BLVD. FENTON, MO.
(We will gather behind the Starbucks and in front of Big Lots.)

We will depart from Gravois Bluffs Blvd. promptly at 9:00am

After a drive on the back country roads from St. Louis to Ste. Genevieve (which should have some amazing fall foliage!), participants will tour the Crown Valley Tiger Sanctuary. The Tiger Sanctuary houses large cats that have been rescued. We will hear their stories, see them up close and personal, then get a tasting of Fizzy Izzy root beer made by Crown Valley.

Tiger Tour 11:00am (tour lasts 45 minutes)

After the Tiger Sanctuary, we will take a short, but again scenic, drive to the beautiful Crown Valley Winery where participants will take tours of the winery and have a wine tasting.

Winery Tour & Tasting 1:00pm (tour lasts 30 minutes)

After the winery tour and tasting, enjoy lunch on your own at Crown Valley Winery, or take a brief drive down the road to Crown Valley Distillery where they offer lunch items, as well as some very good locally crafted beers.

COST IS \$20.00 PER PERSON & INCLUDES:

- Tiger Sanctuary Tour
- Fizzy Izzy Root Beer Tasting
- Winery Tour
- 5 Flight Wine Tasting (non alcoholic choices of locally crafted soda and/or cider will be available)
- Souvenir Wine Glass

****Because of the nature of this event we request that participants RSVP at the time of payment. Checks should be made out to SSR CCA and sent to no later than Monday, October 3rd:**

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****Please include names of all members in your party, how many children are attending, if any of your party members require a non-alcoholic tasting at the winery, as well as your contact information when you RSVP.**

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