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October Events:

There is no regular meeting scheduled for October. Club events included the annual show, held on the rain date of October 14, and a tour to Springfield, Il scheduled for the weekend of October 20. See a report on the show below. We hope to have a report on the Springfield tour to include in the November newsletter. Todd Tobiasz, our associate director and tour organizer, says he currently has 11 cars signed up. By the time you receive this newsletter the tour will be history.

Secretary/Editor's Report:

September Meeting:

The September meeting was held on Saturday, September 15 and consisted of a tour of Mason's Garage, a fabulous collection of outstanding automobiles, mostly from the '30s and earlier, as well as rooms full of auto related memorabilia amassed over the years by Fred Guyton. We learned that Fred passed away about a week after the meeting so I don't know what fate awaits this collection. Because we were asked not to take any photographs that could wind up on the internet, none are included in this newsletter, which is also published on the region website, so would be widely available to anyone who wanted to search.

This meeting was a joint meeting with AACA attended by about 60 members of both clubs, and apparently took considerable negotiating to arrange as this collection is infrequently made available for group tours. Our host was Dave Groerich who gave a brief introductory talk and was available for questions during the meeting. Thanks to Kevin for his efforts to nail down this event for our club. With Fred's passing who knows when and if this opportunity will arise again.

After the tour about 30 went to lunch at Chuck-A-Burger. After lunch 15 traveled to Skeeters Frozen Custard in Overland.

Annual Car Show:

The annual car show scheduled for October 7 was postponed due to the threat of severe weather. The weather had been very unpredictable in the days leading up to the show, and the forecast early in the morning of October 7 called for the potential for severe weather including the possibility of strong wind and hail, so in an abundance of caution, the show was postponed until October 14. Members were notified of the postponement by email. The only one (that I know of) who did not get the word was Elliot Enger, who is one of two that sometime do not get the emails sent from my address list. Lately Elliot has been getting my emails so I did not think to copy him separately.

Elliot drove to the show and photographed his '47 Cadillac in the sunshine. See photo. As it turned out the bad weather held out until after the show would have been over.

The show was held the following Sunday, October 14 with about 25 cars in attendance. This was down from our usual expected attendance of about 35, but not bad considering the postponement. Several, including this writer, had made other plans for the 14th. I would not have been able to bring my '49 on the original date as a few days prior while prepping for the show I began to have battery trouble. I would have been able to start the car to come to the show, but would have almost certainly required a jump to get home, not worth the risk.

The weather for the show was not the best being cloudy and cool, but at least no rain. Two potential new region members attended the show including a friend of Bob Schuman's with a '40 LaSalle and a father and son with a '70 Coupe Deville and a '55 Sedan Deville. The son, 17 years old drives the '55 to school when he can. It is all original and was purchased on Craig's List.

Our club sponsor, ELCO Chevrolet and Cadillac once again furnished pizzas for lunch and brought enough to feed everyone at the show and plenty of leftovers for members to take home.

Photos of the show will be included in the November newsletter.

Membership:

Our year end membership roster has been turned in to national headquarters for review. Our roster is checked annually to make sure all we claim as region members are national members as well. Occasionally we get feedback that informs us that a couple are not national members. Usually this is an oversight on their part having forgotten to renew and quickly remedied. Our current roster stands at 41. This is down from previous years when we typically had 50 or more members. Looking at our roster, we have garnered a number of new members over the past few years, but new members have not completely offset mostly age-related attrition.

Ed Hill:

I received an email from former member Doug Birk about a week ago informing me that Ed Hill had passed away. We had not seen Ed at a meeting for over a year, and he had not joined the region this year, but prior to that Ed was a regular meeting attendee. Ed was a member of the club before I joined and, if I remember correctly, attended the very first St. Louis Region annual show with a

LaSalle hearse. Ed owned several Cadillacs over the years. He once told me he would buy a decent looking older Cadillac and take it to Earl Scheib for a \$29.95 paint job. I did not see an obituary for Ed so have no details to add about the burial.

Muehlmann Auction:

Jim Brown reported this auction was advertised in the Post-Dispatch. I will repeat the information that was previously given as follows: The estate auction will be held Friday, October 26 at 7:00 PM with viewing available beginning at 4:00 PM. Parts will be auctioned on Saturday at 10:00 AM. Address-1436 E. Main St., Belleville, Il. The phone number was given as 618-277-6975. The phone number I had previously was 618-273-6975 so if one doesn't work try the other one.

George Bergen:

Cars for Sale: 1940 Cadillac 60 Special. Owned since 1967, older restoration, correct Cavern Green with two-tone Bedford Cord upholstery. \$20,000. Call Terry Wenger, 314-522-8899.



Upcoming Events:

November Meeting: Wednesday, November 28, 6 PM, ELCO Cadillac. New model Review.



Elliott Enger's '47 Series 62 Sedan-Unanimous "Best of Show" at October 7 Faust Park Show