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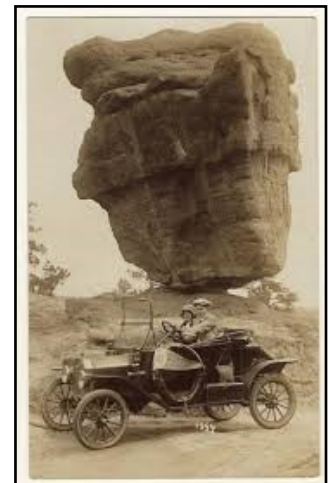
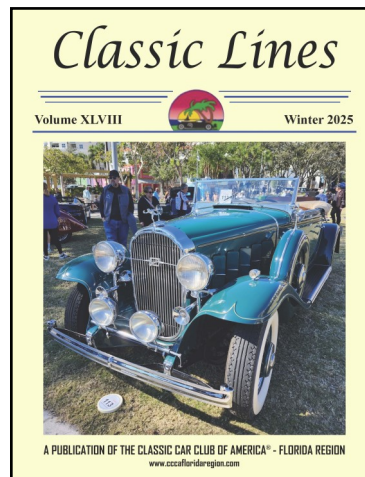
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Hello Everyone,

Happy belated New Year! I hope the holidays went well for all. I want to start by thanking Chuck Mitchell for his service as Director of the Region for the past few years. He has been exceptional in guiding us. I also want to thank Joel and Pam Jancko for hosting our Annual Meeting at their home and Backyard Museum. It is quite a setting and filled with interesting history and artifacts. By the time you read this we will have attended our first event of the year, a visit to the Gray Motorsports Museum in Jupiter. Our host was Johnny Gray a former NHRA Champion who is active with his son and two grandsons in several NHRA and NAS-CAR series. It's an awesome site filled with Full Classics® and a variety of other competitions and exotic foreign marques. On another note, we may have a candidate to replace Richard Hughes as Editor of *Classic Lines*. Richard is working with his potential replacement to learn the ropes. We all wish him luck. It's starting to be a great year. Please join us when you can.



Dave Salzman



Front Cover: On January 12th Eric Haldimann brought his 1932 McLaughan-Buick 90 Series - Model 97 - to the Palm Beach Elegance.

Back Cover: A vintage car stops for a photo at Balancing Rock Park in Colorado

Sculpture in Motion

Every time I see a Veteran wearing a military cap I either salute him or thank him for his service to our country. The Sculpture in Motion car show at the Norton Art Museum/Sculpture Gardens goes beyond such. The Norton Sculpture raises significant funds for local veterans and the Gold Star Mothers of Palm Beach County. It is actually a small number of select cars on display. Some twelve (12) – fourteen cars (14) are placed around exceptional sculptures within the tropical gardens on the Norton property along the West Palm Beach waterfront. A couple pictures are attached. Please take note of the backdrop behind each car as presented. No concrete, just nature.

OK, the details...Frances Fisher, wife of Florida Region member Jeff Fisher, is the co-chair of the event. Frances is the epitome of grace. Serving as the Honorary Chair was our past Director and current Assistant Director, Chuck Mitchell. Numerous Florida Region members were invited to show their cars. They included Larry Kopp, Ron Sheldon, Mel Lipschitz, Jeff Fisher, the Lehrman Collection and Jill Shibles. Since I (your editor) had three cracked ribs I could not drive there but was in attendance. A couple of pictures follow. What a great start to the season.

Top: Curator Ram with Larry Kopp and his 1933 Rolls-Royce PII Town Car.

Bottom: Treasurer Ron Sheldon with his 1930 Lincoln 8 L Roadster Le Baron



The Palm Beach Elegance January 12th

Annually referred to as Super-Car Week in West Palm Beach, this event finished on January 12th with a presentation of pre-war cars. Hence the use of the term Palm Beach Elegance. The Florida Region was well represented placing seventeen cars on the field. Many of the cars were driven to the show. Twenty food trucks were on hand and the camaraderie was superb. Club members showing cars were Donnie Gould, David Salzman, Joel Jancko, Barry Paraizo, Richard Hughes, Ted Reimel, Richard Harding, Mel Lipschitz, Jeff Fisher, Eric Haldimann, and Larry Kopp who displayed two cars. Numerous other Florida Region CCCA members were there. Perfect weather allowed for an enjoyable day. Photos attached are of Donnie Gould's Duesenberg which he affectionally calls Kermit and Mel Lipschitz's 1941 Cadillac.



Left: Mel Lipschitz and his 1941 Cadillac

Bottom: Donnie Gould's Duesenberg, also known as "Kermit"



The Gray Museum

On January 18, 2025, CCCA Florida Region members were invited to visit the Gray Museum in Jupiter. The visit was arranged by Art Polacheck and hosted by Museum curator Craig Hankinson.

The Museum is private and not open to the public, thus making the invitation very special.

The recently completed structure is very spacious with attractive interior features and furnishings to house and display an exquisite automobile collection. Three generations of Grays have champion titles in NHRA drag racing and NASCAR stock car and truck series.



An array of well-chosen and well-presented Full Classics®, such as this award-winning 1931 Stutz, representing the best marques and coachbuilders were examined closely by members. The attention to detail on each automobile is quite impressive.

In addition to Full Classics there is a line-up of exotics with each car within that gathering being a notable by itself. For boomers who like '60s muscle, stock and resto, the models on display were spectacular. Again, attention to detail shows at every turn.

Following the visit, 25 or so members and guests reconvened at a local B-B-Q restaurant for lunch to keep the conversations rolling.

All in all, an excellent outing and kudos to Art Polacheck for arranging another successful event.



Activities Calendar 2025

Florida Region

March 1	Florida Region Annual Picnic	Lake Worth, FL
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National

Mar 26-29	2025 National Annual Meeting	St Louis, MO
May 4-11	CARavan Horsing Around In Amish Country	Wooster, OH
May 30-June 1	Museum Experience	Hickory Corners, MI
July 17-20	Mich-Ohio Indiana Grand Classic	Pontiac, MI
Sept 7-14	Mainely A CARavan- N.E. Region	Rockport, ME

Other Florida Car Events-Non CCCA Operated

Feb 8	Cars on 5 th Avenue	Naples
Mar 9	Amelia Concours	Jacksonville
Mar 15	John Knox Village Car Show	Pompano Beach
Apr 19	Wheels Across the Pond	Jupiter
Apr 18-20	Barrett-Jackson Auction	West Palm Beach
Apr 27	Delray Beach Concours	Delray Beach



**The Classic Car Club of America
Florida Region**

**Invites all local car club
members to its Annual BBQ
in the Tim Granowitz Pavilion at John Prince Park
in Lake Worth**

Saturday, March 1st 2025

Starts at 11 am

Lunch will be served at 12 Noon

(Rain or Shine - Covered Pavilion)

**Woody's Burgers will provide burgers, hot dogs, chicken and sides,
cold soda and bottled water will be provided. Attendees are
encouraged to bring appetizers & desserts**

**Please confirm by February 21, 2025 to Art Polacheck (954) 650-8768
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Park entrance ¼ mile on left. From the south I-95 Exit Lantana Rd
west to Congress Ave turn right to Park entrance 1 mile on right.**

Follow signs to Tim Granowitz Pavillion

Florida Region Annual Meeting at the The Backyard Museum...November 30

For the second time this season the Florida Region was treated to a tour of the Backyard Museum in Plantation, Florida. The accumulated collections are situated on the property of Pam and Joel Jancko. Forty members were in attendance. Members came from distances such as The Keys to Cocoa Beach and Lake Wales.

Numerous buildings are themed with a wide variety of artifacts. Revolutionary war weapons, a fire station, numerous cars and an ice cream parlor. A General Store as well as a service station and a few steam engines used to power tools are also viewable. There is even a covered wagon on site and a scaled down fort. Then of course there are cars. Pam and Joel have a well-presented collection of Brassies in addition to the pictured 1928 Lincoln Seven-passenger Sport Touring, by Locke.



Since it was our Annual Meeting committee members who supplied various reports, CCCA National requires a new Director every three years. With that in mind our Director Chuck Mitchell volunteered to accept the position of Assistant Director while David Salzman assumed the position of Director. This edition of Classic Lines represents a slight change in publication dates. The club is looking at four editions/year... Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall. We all enjoyed the visit and thanked the Jancko's for their hospitality. Well done Pam and Joel.



Excitement in Kissimmee

The Mecum car auction in Kissimmee lasts two weeks and has a good sell ratio. Some 4,500 cars went across the auction block. On Thursday, January 16th, Bill and Patti Spurling, who winter in Stuart, downsized their car collection by selling forty of their collection. A large variety of cars from a Full Classic Packard to a 1953 Corvette. All cars sold since they did not carry a reserve.

Once Upon a Time in New York City

Mankind originated some 200,000 years ago. The communication interaction was established some 50,000 years ago. To my knowledge, there are no videos of either event. Just the word of self-proclaimed “experts”. This article with a couple photos identifies that in a “blink of an eye” (1900-1935), that mankind went from a horse & buggy standard of transportation to a fossil fuel method of transportation. The automobile was a welcome change. These were photos taken in New York City (NYC). There were 150,000 horses serving the NYC public on any given day in 1900. A typical horse produced 20 lbs. of manure and a gallon of urine daily. This equates to 3 million pounds of manure/day on the NYC streets. Now that’s a pile of stuff. Worse than that, is the fact that 25,000 horses died each year on the streets. Often the carcass was left to rot. Switching to cars made a positive health impact. Certainly, it was a crappy job to remove this horse stuff.

So, within this brief 35 years out of 200,000 years came the switch from the horse & buggy to fossil fuel vehicles.



Above: Horse traffic in New York City around 1900



The switch happened “overnight” in relation to life. The horse manure crisis vanished when many thousands of horses were replaced by motor vehicles.

Switching to cars did not come without issues. No established traffic regulations lead to numerous car accidents. Take a look at that parking photo. No idea how that creative parking system functions but it’s easy to observe that space had to be at a premium. Should one of our member engineers know how that parking structure functions, please drop us a line.

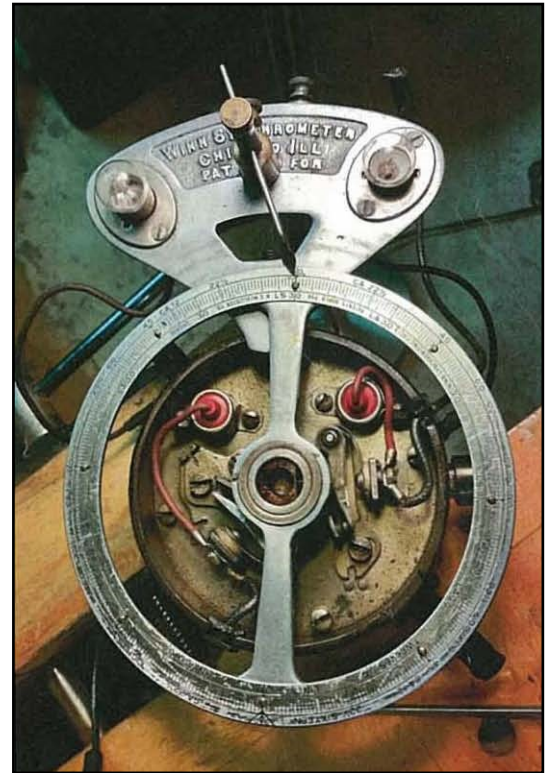
Left: A creative way to park cars around 1935. A sign of anticipated congestion ahead.

Tech Tip: Points Adjustments Made Easy

One of the more complicated aspects of tuning up your Full Classic[®] car is setting up the points, particularly if the automobile has dual points. There is an easy way to set the points. It doesn't matter whether the engine is an in-line or "V" configured or if your magnificent motor car has six, eight, twelve or even sixteen cylinders. The Winn Synchronometer manufactured by H.S. McCallister Company, 549 West Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, has been around since the Herbert Hoover administration. Just follow the instructions below and your points will be perfectly synchronized. Unfortunately, the Winn Synchronometer has been out of production for decades. However, used Winn Synchronometers do appear on Ebay every now and then. They usually are expensive and there is no guarantee. But if you find one and the price is less than \$500, grab it. However, make certain all the parts and instructions come with the apparatus. Alternatively, the instructions below should be sufficient. There are other points synchronizers that every now and then come up for sale or auction on Ebay. But the Winn Synchronometer is the only Full Classic synchronizer of the lot. It has worked for Norm and it will work for you.

Winn Synchronometer Instructions:

1. Remove distributor from engine and place in soft vice, so that unit is secured and rotor can be rotated 360 degrees.
2. Remove cap and rotor.
3. Secure Winn Synchronometer Base to side of distributor.
4. Connect 6V positive battery terminal to ground screw on Synchronometer Base.
5. Connect 6V negative battery terminal to Synchronometer clamp wire.
6. Connect remaining two Synchronometer wires to two points wires of distributor. Left wire connects to primary point wire, and right wire connects to secondary point wire.
7. Locate appropriate sized adaptor and slip it over distributor cam.
8. Slip "Winn Synchronizing Circle" (calibration scale wheel) over adaptor and secure with set screw. Note: set screw will pass through scale wheel and adaptor, and tighten against cam.
9. Insert scale pointer into receiver near top of Synchronometer (receiver is hollow tube that covers the word "Applied" in "Patent Applied For").
10. Turn scale until left lamp illuminates. Stop at this point and adjust scale pointer to zero-degree mark on scale wheel. Secure pointer with thumb screws.
11. Set the secondary set of points so that the right lamp on Synchronometer illuminates at the following point:
 - 6 Cylinder Engines - 60 degree mark
 - 8 Cylinder Engines - 45 degree mark
 - 12 Cylinder engines - 30 degree mark
 - 16 Cylinder engines - 22.5 degree mark
12. Recheck that left lamp illuminates at zero and right lamp illuminates at the proper point, per step 11.



Above: The Winn Synchronometer comes encased in a wooden box. Adapters are included.

Broad Arrow Auction

As this edition goes to press, members have been talking about the February 15, 2025 Broad Arrow Auction of 100 automobiles from the Academy of Art University Collection.

The auction has many Full Classics available at ‘No Reserve’. Will this auction be a barometer of market interest in Full Classics? Will this auction have an influence on future sales prices of Full Classics? Opinions abound and time will tell.

View the auction lots at broadarrowauctions.com for hundreds of photos of exquisite automobiles. A few examples.



Above: 1929 Auburn 120 Eight 'Boattail' Speedster

Right: 1942 Town & Country Chrysler 'Barrelback'

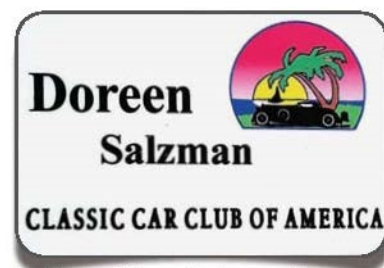
Below: 1928 Rolls-Royce Phantom I 'Riviera' Brewster Town Car



Redesigned Regional Name Badges

After a lot of input from our Region members, a newly designed name badge has been developed and is ready for roll out. Just think, now you can proudly wear identification for our events that actually highlight first names! Who remembers last names anyway (other than bill collectors)? An attempt has been made to give them a new look that not only is easier on our older eyes but makes us look more like part of a major automobile club.

The new release is larger in size and still has a magnetic tab for securing it to clothing without holes and is easy to position. To purchase a personalized badge, send \$15.00 for each along with \$3.00 for postage and handling, payable to Florida Region – CCCA. Please include accurate name information (such as “Dave” instead of “David”) for maximum satisfaction, your return address and phone number to Doreen Salzman 19850 Beach Rd. 3B Jupiter, FL 33469. Join us in letting everyone know who you are.





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