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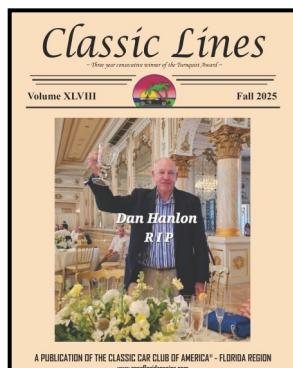
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Front Cover (right):
Dan's exuberance for life is well displayed at this, or any event. We all appreciate his participation, contributions and assistance.



Hello everyone!

I hope all members are looking forward to the upcoming holidays and new year. I am glad you can join us here in Florida. No hurricanes have arrived, fortunately.

I am sure you have taken note of our front page of *Classic Lines*. Sadly, it is in remembrance of region member Dan Hanlon. I want to take the opportunity to say some words regarding Dan.

My wife Doreen and I have been region members since 2009. Dan and Debbie Hanlon are two of the first members we met back then. They welcomed us with open arms and made us feel joining the region was a wonderful choice. We spent a lot of time together on tours and visiting each other at their winter home in Florida and our home on Jupiter Island. They introduced us to many of their Ohio friends who we still share time with to this day.

Dan was a life member of the CCCA® and past Director of our region. His contributions were considerable and memorable. He was a long-term thinker and task expert. He had a genuine personality and fun to be with. He was one of the most interesting people I have met, and I have lived in more than a few places stateside and overseas. I feel I had to share these thoughts with you before you read about him in the upcoming pages. Bless you Dan and rest in peace!

Dave Salzman



Back Cover (left): One of Dan's favorite style Packards. Although he never viewed a Packard he didn't like.

A Loss to All

On October 14th we all lost a real friend to countless people. Dan Hanlon "passed" after a brief health issue. Club condolences go out to Mrs. Debbie Hanlon, Dan's son Lonnie and daughter Amanda. Dan was a former Director of the Florida Region's Classic Car Club of America®. His leadership and contributions of being a warm, adventurous helping hand and friend TO ALL are unlimited. Dan owned some 40 Full Classics®, most of which were Packards. Should one look up the word Hanlon in old Irish Gaelic his name translates to the word **WARRIOR**. And a warrior he was!

Several of Dan's friends either dropped a note or called *Classic Lines* to mention his legend. Among them are Dave Johnson (former National Director of the Classic Car Club of America®). David "winters" in Naples, FL. Then there is David Gaunt, also of Naples. Chuck Mitchell, formally the Florida Region Director, also sent a note. An encyclopedia of accolades could be written re our friend Dan Hanlon. Please read the comments rendered below.

Dave Johnson's tribute to Dan Hanlon:

Early yesterday morning, I received word that one of my most cherished friends had been suddenly called into eternal life, in Heaven ~ Dan Hanlon.

I first met Dan (and Debbie) some thirty five years ago when they were guests at the newly opened Spread Eagle Tavern. The topic of the evening was "politics" and the Hanlon's were backing the then 'America First' Republican presidential candidate, Patrick J. Buchanan. So was I!

As it happened, the Hanlon's were hosting a reception at their home for Pat Buchanan the following week ~ "so why don't you join us". The fact that Buchanan was a longshot underdog did not deter us. When Dad learned of the event, he wanted to go, too.

That night, I learned that Dan was into collector cars and on my way out of the Buchanan event, Dan said "let's stop by the garages". And wow! There was a magnificent 1930 V-16 Cadillac Limousine and a pristine 1936 Cadillac Convertible Sedan and a 1940 LaSalle Coupe with local history and a very fine 1954 Packard Caribbean.

Having, way back then, become a bit of a collector car buff myself, I thought: 'gee, I've just made some great new friends ~ stalwart Republicans and vintage car enthusiasts'! In retrospect, that sentiment was an understatement.

For the ensuing three decades to come, Dan and I (and Debbie when she chose!) would travel the country in vintage autos, increasingly in pre-WW II Packard's . . . participating in Classic Car Club tours and shows, going to classic car auctions, visiting some of the most fabulous private vintage car collections in the world, and more.

We soon became acquainted with the leading Packard (Darrin!) Guru of America who happened to live nearby ----> one Eugene Tareshawty. In time, we were joined by Tim Paxson, Lee Wolff, Jim Keller, Dichel



Above: Not a Days Inn

Owsley, Charlie Renner, Tom & Scot Darling, Dave and Jake Gano, Jim Cowin . . . the nucleus of the Packard Youngstown Club.

There isn't a similarly constituted vintage car club in America that has been more active in the collector car hobby . . . not taken more driving trips in vintage cars nor hosted Full Classic[®]Car events with more CCCA[®] car collector participants . . . than that of the Packard Youngstown Club.

Dan Hanlon was an integral part of all of this. His Full Classic[®] Car collection soon surpassed all of ours. His passion for the pre-war Packard's in particular was infectious and inspired the rest of us to reach higher.

Above all else, though, in Dan Hanlon you had one of the most loyal, most generous, most genuine, and most fun loving friends one could ever have.

At this time, my heart goes out to his loving wife, Debbie . . . to his son, Lonnie and daughter, Amanda - all three of whom he adored. Family came first with Dan. Next was Gold. Then Packard's.

So to my friend, Dan: as hard as it is for your family and your friends, you've won the top award ever to be granted in life ~ the award of Eternal Life. May you Rest In Peace, cherished friend, until we meet again. -DJ-



Above: Not a shady guy

David Gaunts comments regarding Dan Hanlon:

Verbally David Gaunt volunteered the following...Dan Hanlon was his best friend. He would give anyone the shirt off his back to help someone. They need not be his friend, just someone who needed assistance. David went on to mention that Dan was a tremendous supporter of Packards and Classic Cars. Among other thoughts David mentioned was his final "ride" on October 21st was to be in a 1937 Hearse, followed by a line of Full Classic[®] cars to his interment site. *Editors note...Dave Gaunt supplied the photo's displayed in Dan's article.* Thanks David.

A note from Chuck Mitchell:

I had the honor of meeting Dan for the 1st time while at Hershey about thirty years ago. It happens that I had one of my two Packard Darrin's for sale in the Hershey auction. Dan acquired it. Afterwards we became friends (with Dan, that was easy). Dan seemed to be just a nice guy from day #1. Some things never change. RIP Dan.

Daniel K. Hanlon Obituary

Daniel K. Hanlon, age 74, of Hartville, Ohio and Naples, Florida died on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, following a brief illness. Born on May 15, 1951, he was the son of the late Albert and Lois "Jean" Hanlon of Norton, Ohio.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Deborah, along with their son Lonnie of Akron, Ohio and daughter Amanda of Austin, Texas. He is also survived by a brother, David Hanlon and a sister, Debra Sepos.

Mr. Hanlon founded the Allen Keith Construction Company in 1976, a firm which became northeast Ohio's preeminent residential, commercial and industrial restoration and disaster recovery services business.

Upon his retirement, Mr. Hanlon devoted much of his time to the collector car hobby with a special focus upon pre-World War II Packard automobiles. Active as a Life Member of the Classic Car Club of America®, the Antique Automobile Club of America, Packard International and several other auto clubs, Mr. Hanlon is a past Regional Director of the Florida Region of the Classic Car Club of America. And, for decades, he served as a show judge, an event coordinator and as host of regional and national classic car shows, developing a national reputation within the collector car world.

For the past sixty years, almost without interruption, Mr. Hanlon had attended the Annual AACA "Week at Hershey" which started out as a father-son ritual with his late father, himself a car collector, spawning a lifetime of vintage auto and auto memorabilia collecting. He spent this year's "Hershey Week" with his son, Lonnie.

An avid golfer, Mr. Hanlon was a member of the Congress Lake Club in Hartville, where he served as a past Board member and former President of the Club. He was also a member of the Naples Grande Club where he and Mrs. Hanlon would spend more than half of every year.



Miss ya Dan

Activities Calendar 2025-2026

Florida Events

Nov 6 FL Region Board and Membership Meeting
Jan 11 Palm Beach Elegance
Feb Tour of the "Kopp Shop"
April Annual Picnic

Palm Beach Gardens
West Palm Beach
Delray Beach
Lake Worth

National Events

March 25-29 CCCA® National Meeting
May 1-18 Heritage Caravan
May 29-31 SoCal Grand Classic
June 4-6 New England Region Grand Classic
June 5-7 CCCA® Museum Experience
June 14-17 Dairyland Wise Mini-CARavan
July 17-19 Ind/Mich Tri-Region Grand Classic
Sept 20-26 Enchanting Blue Ridge CARavan

Kirkland, WA
TBD
Paso Robles
TBD
Hickory Corners, MI
TBD
TBD
Roanoke, VA

Other Car Events - Not CCCA® Operated

Nov 15 Sculpture-in-Motion
Dec 6 Gasparilla Concours
Dec 7 Coral Reef Car Show
Dec 12 Palm Beach Concours
Jan 6-18 Mecum Car Auction
Feb 7 Cars on 5th Avenue
Feb 16 Cavallino Classic
Mar 1 Moda Miami
Mar 8 Amelia Concours
April 4 Wheels Across the Pond
April 16-18 Barrett-Jackson Auction
April 19 Delray Beach Concours

West Palm Beach, FL
Tampa, FL
Key Largo, FL
West Palm Beach, FL
Kissimmee, FL
Naples, FL
Mar-a-Lago, West Palm Beach
Miami, FL
Jacksonville, FL
Jupiter, FL
West Palm Beach, FL
Delray Beach, FL

Regarding the above events, please check each website to verify times since things get changed. There are probably additional car shows of significance that are not listed. The above is what was found. Of the non-CCCA® shows, several are owned and operated by CCCA® Members. Gasparilla, Coral Reef, Palm Beach Concours and Wheels Across the Pond are examples of such. Try to attend.



New Classic Car Club of America® Apparel Now Available



The CCCA® is proud to announce the launch of our new apparel store! Please take a few minutes to check out the new apparel on the CCCA website. Items include a large selection of crew shirts, polo shirts, dress shirts, jackets, vests, sweatshirts and hats. All come with the club logo. This editor has already ordered!



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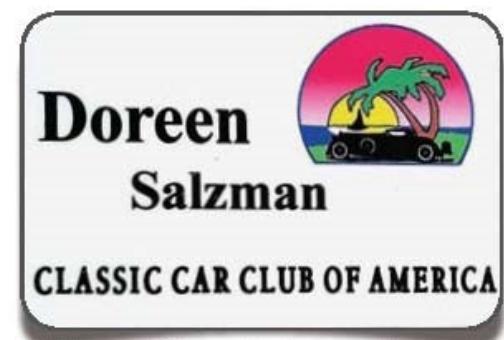
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Above: Watching a Cubs game from a bird's eye view. Can anyone spot a Full Classic[©] on the road?

Tech Tip: Noise

One of the pleasures of driving a Full Classic[©] motorcar is to listen to the noises around you. The mechanical symphony of a Duesenberg Model J, the silken smoothness of a Packard Twelve or the air cooled sounds of a Franklin Six are music to the ears. They are tunes that can be played over and over again without boring you and leaves you smiling.

However, there are other noises that aren't pleasant and can wipe a smile off your face. For instance, the thumping of a babbitt connecting rod bearing falling apart miles from home or the startling explosive sound of a tire blow out at speed. Even the absence of sound other than the wind rushing by as your engine dies leaving you stranded by the side of the road is quite depressing.



There is a sound few of us have heard. It's a sound only an ornithologist would love to hear. It sounds something like this: *cheep, cheep, cheep* or *chirp, chirp, chirp* as your vintage vehicle rolls down the road. Acceleration causes the bird to chirp quicker and slowing down causes the bird calls to occur with less frequency.

The first time I heard these bird calls I thought it was nothing more than a slight high spot on a brake shoe that was adjusted a little too close to the drum. If so, it should go away after a few miles of braking. But this bird call didn't go away but slowly and inexorably grew louder. It's as if a chick is growing to adulthood somewhere beneath your feet. Driving close to a high curb causes the chirping/cheeping to grow louder. If you drove through a tunnel it might sound like the soundtrack from Alfred Hitchcock's movie *The Birds*.

This mysterious bird didn't seem to affect the car in any discernible way other than creating what was quickly becoming an irritating noise...until a tire went flat. The good news is the bird noises are no more. The cause of the noise has been narrowed down to either the wheel or tube.

Upon careful inspection, a small crack in the wheel was discovered. This is referred to as a split rim. The first sign of trouble was the chirping/cheeping sound. The secondary stage of this automotive malady of "split rimitis" was the tube being cut by the bare sharp metal rubbing against the inner tube. The tertiary stage occurs when the metal cuts through the tube causing it to go flat. The final stage of split rimitis rarely occurs in which the wheel collapses causing serious damage to the car. The chances of this happening are rare.

Split rims are usually caused by water being trapped inside the rim and rusting from the inside out. For the wheel to collapse the wheel would have to be in deplorable condition. Most of our Full Classic[©] cars are restored or well maintained and rarely driven in wet weather. Therefore, don't fear a catastrophic collapse of a wheel. But if you ever hear birds calling you when you're out and about in your 90 year old beauty take a careful look at your wheels for a break in the metal. If you find such a break replace the wheel either with a good used wheel or with a new wheel. But whatever you do, keep enjoying your Full Classic automobile and listen for the sound of birds.

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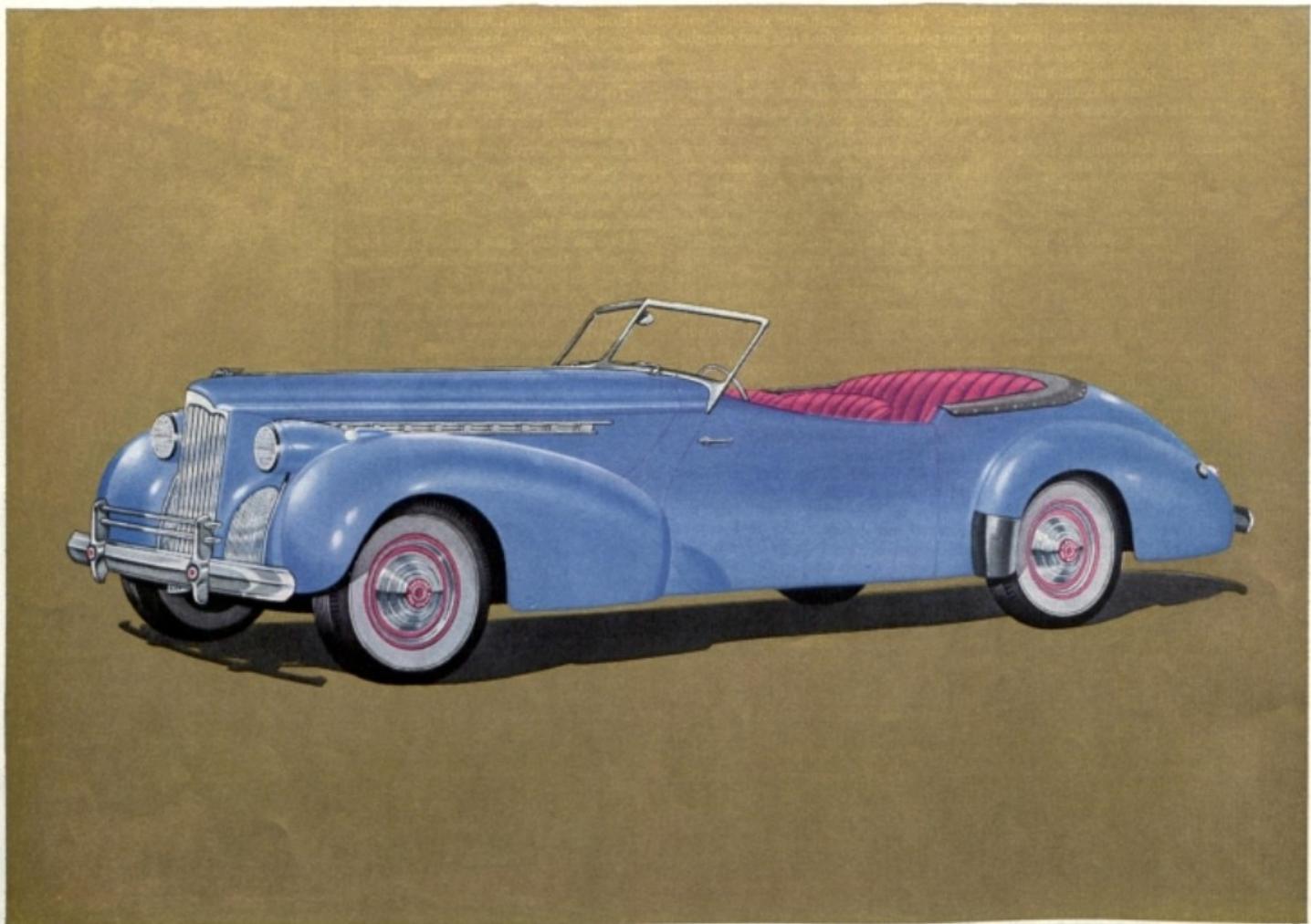


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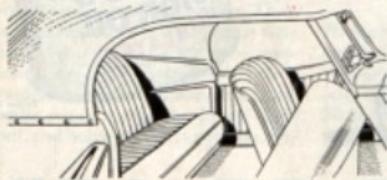
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