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**2013-14 Season Redux;
Rare European Classics Excelsior & Farman;
Club Members: The Ambs**



**John & Jane Vander Heide's 1941 Cadillac
Convertible Coupe At The Auction Breakfast**

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On the front and back covers: Front: The Vander Heides' 1941 Cadillac 62 Convertible Coupe at the Auction Breakfast in January; Back: Steve Kreisman & Jane Billings' 1947 Cadillac 62 Club Coupe at the Auction Breakfast (photos by John Ossenfort).

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Purpose of the Classic Car Club of America, (CCCA): *for the development, publication and interchange of technical, historical and other information for and among members and other persons who own or are interested in fine or unusual foreign or domestic motor cars built between and including the years 1925 and 1948, and distinguished for their respective fine design, high engineering standards and superior workmanship, and to promote social intercourse and fellowship among the members; and to maintain references upon and encourage the maintenance, restoration and preservation of all such Classic cars.*

A Message from Region Director Ed Winkler



I'm composing this article while recouping from a fast and furious week in Monterey, California. If you ever find that you are missing your CCCA friends in August, just come to Monterey. The Cornishes and Winklers again rented a house in Pacific Grove, just north of Monterey, and attempted to attend every venue on the Peninsula; we were not alone. The Apkers, Briskmans, Evans, Hymans, McDowells, Prices and Whites were there and I'm sure I missed someone. Then there are the Club members from Regions all over the Country. It's like one big welcome home party.

For us Zonies who have tolerated months of no automotive events, Monterey is a great way to get your fix. Now we look forward to a fall, winter and spring filled with Regional events, auctions and the 2nd Annual Arizona Concours d'Elegance: lots of fun on four wheels.

We do have a couple of new events for this season. How about a ride on "Ollie The Trolley" to see all the Christmas lights? A trip to Sun Lakes to see the great train layout of Rich Hull is another Christmas-style event. We had a wonderful turnout at our last "Garage Hop", so why not another? Then there are the usuals: the Annual Meeting, Classics under the Sun, The Copperstate Show and the Auction Breakfast. We may even throw in a Polo Match...

Our membership numbers still defy the National trend with 80 members. We may not be in a growth spurt but the Region remains strong and active. Unfortunately we lost a long-time

member this summer, Sarah Fuelberth. A Memorial Service will be held November 8th, from 4 to 6 pm, at the Leisure World Recreation Building #1 (the club room).

We will again be looking for a few good "Men and Ladies" to volunteer for our Board. Please consider giving a few hours a month to help our Region. Or help put on an existing event or suggest something new. If you have an idea for an event or you want to spice up a planned event, please let me or any Board member know your ideas. To the new members: please join in on the planning - that is the best way to meet other members and help make our events even more enjoyable.

The Board has had some discussion regarding a CARavan in 2016. This would be a major undertaking and requires support from all the Region membership to produce and execute. Bill Ingler did a wonderful job producing the "Spirit of the Southwest CARavan" in 2007. Are we up for this?

So here we go for another terrific season; take the cover off of that great Classic, put some fresh Arizona air in the tires, add a full tank of gas and lets put some miles behind us...

Ed Winkler



Get ready for fall! We have some new and exciting events coming up that you won't want to miss.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!



Welcome To The AZ Region CCCA Club Store

For 2014, don't forget to wear your Club apparel, which is now available online at:

arizonaccca.org/eshop.htm

Please browse the store and select the items you would like to purchase and Dee will be happy to order them for you. All the apparel has an embroidered logo of the Arizona Region CCCA. Start your shopping today and support our club!!

Fall & Winter 2014-2015 Regional Events

Date	Event	Time	Contact
October 26	"Horses And Horsepower" Display at Scottsdale Polo Championships, WestWorld (see pg. 11)	10 AM-5 PM	Pellegrini
November 22	Arizona Region Annual Meeting & Lunch, McCormick Ranch Golf Club	11 AM-2 PM	Briskman
November 29	Rich & Sharon Hull Train & Circus Collection Tour & Lunch	9 AM - 2 PM	Briskman
December 10	Ollie The Trolley Christmas Lights Ride & Dinner	6-9 PM	Capra
Jan. 11, 2015	2nd Annual Arizona Concours D'Elegance, Arizona Biltmore (see pg. 12)	9 AM-4 PM	Winkler/ Cornish
Jan. 18, 2015	Annual Auction Breakfast, DC Ranch Clubhouse	9 AM	Capra
February 2015	Garage Tour TBD	TBD	Winkler
March 14, 2015	Classics Under The Sun & Dinner, The Pavilions	3 PM	Briskman
Apr. 24-26, 2015	Page/Lake Powell Weekend Tour	TBD	Ossenfort

National CCCA 2015 Events

CCCA Annual Meeting	
Mar. 8-14, 2015	Savannah, GA
Grand Classics:	
July 19, 2015	Oregon Region
CARavans:	
June 2015	Canadian Rockies Experience (Pacific Northwest Region)
Sept. 26-Oct. 2, 2015	Kentucky (Indiana Region)

Club Members: Keith & Marie Ambs

Article by Ed Winkler
Photo by Keith Ambs

Keith and Marie Ambs have been husband and wife, buddies and partners since 1980 after having met while working together in the trust department of a bank in Grand Rapids, Michigan. At that time the bank did not allow married couples to work in the same department, so they both took other jobs! In 1982, when it seemed that Keith's job would be moved to Detroit, the timing was right for Keith and Marie to start their own investment counseling business...just the two of them. Keith was the money manager and Marie managed the business. Over time they successfully managed investment portfolios for pension and profit sharing plans and wealthy individuals. In 1995 they sold their business and they both retired.

Growing up, Keith's family managed a municipal park in Jackson, Michigan. They lived on the property in an 1800's-era farmhouse which had been gifted to the city along with the acreage. There was a golf course on the property and Keith spent many summers mowing the greens at dawn. He developed a love of the game of golf and was a pretty good player but gave up the game recently and is now concentrating more on his cars.

The Ambs' introduction into the Classic Car Club came in the mid 1990's when they attended an event at the Gilmore Car Museum. After walking around all afternoon looking at cars, Marie's eyes were glazing over. But a gorgeous Packard Darrin caught her eye and she commented on how beautiful it was. Keith's ears perked up and he started investigating Packards. Although the Darrins were out of their league, during a visit to Seattle they stopped by Tom Crook's shop where he showed them a 1936 Packard Standard 8 convertible coupe. Tom thought it would be a good car for them to start with in the Classic Car Club, so they bought it.

Over the years they did a little touring around the Tucson area with this car, but Keith found it a bit frightening on the highway. He sold the Packard back to Tom Crook and bought a 1941 Cadillac convertible from him to replace it. That car was

shipped to Grand Rapids, where Keith and Bob Messinger spent lots of time tweaking it. Bob's help was invaluable. Now Keith's stable of cars has evolved. He has a 1947 Cadillac Club Coupe which they drove on the last CCCA tour through Arizona. The 1941 Cadillac has been replaced with a 1947 Packard Sport Brougham which you all will be seeing sometime this winter. Other non-classics are a 1934 Plymouth coupe, a 1955 Buick Century Riviera, a 1962 Studebaker GT Hawk, a 1963 Avanti, and a 1969 Cadillac Coupe de Ville.

Marie's passion is gardening. Her family had a tree nursery when she was growing up and she spent lots of time working with her father on landscape jobs. Marie took the Master Gardening classes in 1994. For her volunteer work, Marie was in charge of the Victorian garden at the Grand Rapids Public Museum and coordinated the garden volunteers for 14 years. She has also enjoyed knitting since an early age. Now her projects are mostly baby clothes and sweaters for their grandchildren.

The Ambs have three children from Keith's first marriage who live in their respective homes of Charlotte, North Carolina, Grand Rapids, and Denver, Colorado. Six grandchildren range from the ages of 23 to 3. In addition to their Tucson and Grand Rapids homes, the Ambs recently purchased a condo on Lake Michigan in the small town of Charlevoix. So now their stable of vehicles also includes a boat! No wheels, just a propellor.

Keith and Marie chaired our Tucson overnight earlier this year and arranged a wonderful weekend for our Region members. Living in Tucson with most of our activities and members in Phoenix must be difficult, but you would never know they lived one hundred plus miles away. Summer in Michigan is drawing to a close and the Ambs will be back in Tucson in mid-October. We'll look forward to seeing them soon!



In The Rear View Mirror

Photos by Dee Pellegrini, Dot Messinger & John Ossenfort

As we prepare for the Arizona Region's 2014-15 season activities, let's look back at last season. I hope this will inspire everyone to attend the exciting upcoming events shown on the Calendar on page 4.



Above: The first fall event—November's Annual Regional Meeting—lets everyone catch up with summer activities.
Below: The December Holiday party, hosted this year by Dale & Marilyn Lillard.



Above: Hosts Marilyn & Dale Lillard examine their exchange gift at the Holiday Party.
Below: January's Auction Breakfast with Region members and out-of-town CCCA guests.





Above: Jim & Joanne McDowell's 1942 Packard Convertible Darrin at the Auction Breakfast.

Below: February's Garage Hop: touring Gordon Apker's workshop and garage. Bottom: A few of the attending Classics (the cars, I mean!).



Above: Some of the Classics at March's "Classics Under The Sun" charity show, in aid of Ronald McDonald House. In the foreground are (top) Barry & Sharon Briskman's 1934 Rolls-Royce 20/25 Brewster Town Car and (above) Bob & Dot Messinger's 1941 Cadillac 62 Sedan.





Above: Kevin & Toni Cornish's 1941 Lincoln Continental, ready to roll on the Tucson tour in March.

Below: Lunch at Bubb's Grub in Catalina on the way.

Bottom: At the Titan Missile Museum, member Bill Podsedly points out the Titan II rocket engine he helped develop.



Top: Prez Ed Winkler enjoying sun and cars at the kickoff of April's Copperstate 1000 rally, where the Region had a car display.

Above: Dale & Marilyn Lillard's 1935 Auburn 851 Phaeton at the display.

Below: Jane Vander Heide works while other members take it easy at the Region's last event, the April Steak Fry.



European Classics A-Z:

Excelsior And Farman:



Rare Classics

By John Ossenfort

In this issue we are featuring two of the rarest Classics. Both were at the apex of luxury in their time, competing with Rolls-Royce, Hispano-Suiza, Minerva and other cars of that caliber.

Compagnie Nationale Excelsior was founded in Brussels in 1901. In 1907 Arthur De Coninck took over engineering and developed the 6-cylinder side valve 9.1 liter Type Adex. In 1912 this giant finished in 6th place in the French Grand Prix, and other racing victories with other models (including a 6th place at the 1914 Indianapolis 500) provided performance prestige.

In 1920 the Adex Type B appeared, driven by a 4.8-liter 6-cylinder engine with overhead cam, four-wheel brakes, and a cantilevered rear suspension with anti-roll bar. This was then developed in 1922 into the Adex Type C or 30/80 model, later called the Albert I Premier for its first customer, King Albert I of Belgium. Its power plant was a 5.3-liter OHC inline 6 with triple Zenith carburetors. Excelsiors finished 6th and 9th in the very first Le Mans 24 Hour race in 1923.

In 1926 the new Albert I Premier, the 31/100, was produced, with a dynamically & statically balanced crankshaft, a single carburetor on a new intake manifold, servo brakes and an oil cooler. Racing victories, especially in the Spa 24 Hour race, continued but financial troubles increased. In 1928 Excelsior was merged with Imperia and production of the Excelsior soon virtually ceased. A few additional cars were assembled from existing parts until 1932.

The 1919-1926 Adex B & C models and 1925-32 Albert I Premier models are CCCA Classics. None are known in the Club.



Above: Joseph Christiaens finished 6th in the 1912 French Grand Prix in the Excelsior 9.1-liter Type Adex (n/c).

Below and Bottom: 1923 & 1925 Excelsior Adex Type C 30/80 roadsters





Top: 1925 Excelsior Adex-C 2-seater
 Above: Excelsior Adex-C Albert I Roadster

The Farman brothers, Henry, Maurice and Dick, were of English parentage but born in France. They began as racing cyclists, then graduated to cars in the early days of the 20th century. In 1905 they became interested in the new science of aeronautics and built some of the first successful biplanes. They are today perhaps best known for their production of training and reconnaissance aircraft for the French army in WWI.

After the war, the brothers entered the luxury car market. The A6A appeared in 1919. It carried a 6-cylinder 6.6-liter 108 hp engine with a gear driven single OHC and dual Zenith carburetors, with 2-wheel rear brakes and a cone clutch. A top speed of 70 mph was claimed for the standard model. In 1921 the A6B model received 4-wheel mechanical brakes and a multiple disc clutch. Then in 1926 the NF model with 7.1 liter engine and upgraded suspension and steering appeared. As with many luxury cars, the depression finally killed Farman in 1931.

Although the automobile was praised in the motoring press and was popular with many celebrities, its high price and sometimes ungainly coachwork

(both factory-provided and custom) resulted in few total sales. It is estimated that only about 120 examples were produced by 1931, when production stopped. Only about 4 are known today.

All 1925-31 model Farman are CCCA Classics but none are registered in the 2014 Handbook.



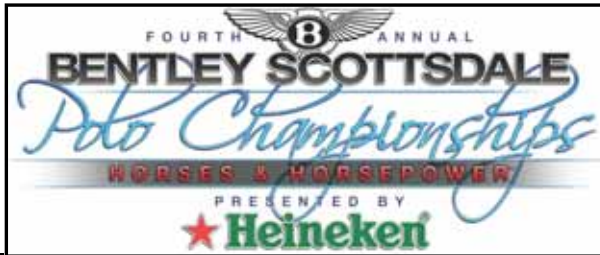
Above: 1921 Farman A6B Super Sport Torpedo
 Below: 1928 Farman NF Sedan
 Bottom: Farman A6B Coupe Chaffeur



IN MEMORIAM

We have lost a much-loved member of the Arizona Region. Sarah Fuelberth passed away last June surrounded by her family. All who knew her will miss her. Our deepest condolences go to Walt and to their family.

A former member and good friend of the Region also passed away this summer. Ev Reiswig had been suffering from cancer and died in July. Lyle and Ev were the trouble truck drivers on the Arizona CARavan in 2007.



Join Us! We Invite All CCCA Members to Showcase At The Polo Party!

We are interested in having the CCCA showcase vehicles at our car enthusiast event this October. Our firm owns and produces the most attended polo event in the United States and Europe – the Bentley Scottsdale Polo Championships: Horses & Horsepower. The two-day event, with over 12,400 attendees last year, has major automotive elements and we think the CCCA would greatly add to it! Below are some of the “horsepower” partners we’ve had over the years, many of which are still with us. You can see a list of all sponsors and partners here. We even hosted the Arizona Porsche Concours d’Elegance on-site last year. They plan to join us again this fall.

So how does CCCA fit in? We are looking for vehicles to showcase on Sunday, October 26th. Each driver would receive two VIP level tickets (one for the driver, and one for their guest) to the event. Gates open to the public at 11am, but for safety reasons, all vehicles would need to arrive in a group and be in place by 10:15am that day. The event would end about 4/4:30pm and the drivers would then be able to move the vehicles and depart the site.

We hope you’ll join us! Further information at <http://thepoloparty.com/site/the-event/>

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Anyone interested in participating contact: Dee Pellegrini at deexlr1962@gmail.com or 480-419-1137.



The second annual Arizona Concours d'Elegance has announced four icons of automotive history to appear as featured classes during the January 11, 2015, event at the historic Arizona Biltmore Resort. The Arizona Concours, an exclusive celebration of fine automobiles, will include among its field of 80 select entries:

- The classic American luxury brand Pierce-Arrow;
- Competition Ferraris (pre-1965);
- The cars of Carrozzeria Ghia, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the renowned Italian design house;
- A gathering of cars once owned by architect Frank Lloyd Wright, famed architect and auto enthusiast.

After a successful inaugural event this past January, the Arizona Concours, held on the landscaped inner lawns of the Arizona Biltmore, will again serve as the signature event to commence the famed Arizona Collector Car Auction Week in the Scottsdale/Phoenix area.

The selection of a special class for Frank Lloyd Wright cars was inspired by the aura and architecture of the Biltmore hotel, said Ed Winkler, one of the directors of the Arizona Concours. The luxury hotel, which opened in 1929, was designed in Wright's landmark style by Albert Chase MacArthur.

The Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation has been an enthusiastic supporter of the efforts to bring together the class of FLW cars. The foundation is based at Wright's famous winter home and architecture school, Taliesin West, which is located in Scottsdale.

The Arizona Concours d'Elegance benefits Make-A-Wish Arizona, the founding chapter of the national organization that grants wishes for children facing life-threatening medical conditions.



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