

# THE GREAT LAKES ARCHER



The Newsletter of the Great Lakes Region of the Pierce-Arrow Society



**We've decided to name this car "The Phoenix"  
because it's been raised from the dead (or nearly)  
Read the story on page 3.**



**Isn't this the way of the two (PA) car family?**

## **A View From the Rumbleseat:**

by Bill Morris, Editor

In this issue we present the Barrett's calamity and GLR members at Lancaster and the Ault Park Show. Thanks to Tom Barrett. Stu Blair and Dave Stevens for stories and photos.

## **Following the Arrow:**

by Jane Barclay, GLR Regional Director

Hello Great Lakes Members,

Our GLR Region had wonderful attendance at the 2021 Lancaster PAS National Meet. We all want to send a huge "Thank You" to Karl & Mary Krouch for chairing the Lancaster meet. Karl has done back-to-back meets due to the Covid cancellation in 2020. Liz & Rick Horne, Charlie & Beth Sando, Wayne Scites, Robert & Arlene Brown, Gloria Knoll, Al Groft, Ken Sockrider, David Barclay and the many additional meet committee members have our sincere appreciation.

The attendance was quite large considering our current recovery situation, with 184 in attendance and 56 First Time attendees at the meet. Karl was so fortunate to have 10 children attendees at the meet this year as well. This is a wonderful sign for our Society and the future. Bill will be providing us with many pictures in this edition.

There will be a 2022 Spring Fling in Ann Arbor, MI if at all possible. This event has been cancelled twice due to the pandemic, as museums and restaurants were not taking reservations. Let's hope that the 3<sup>rd</sup> time is a charm and that we can gather in Ann Arbor, MI for an enjoyable Spring Fling in 2022.

## **Mark your calendars for these PAS events:**

**18<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering at Gilmore, August 27-29, 2021**

**<https://www.pierce-arrow.org/gathering-at-gilmore-2021/>**

**"P" CAR TOUR - Pacific Northwest Region - September 22-26, 2021**

**PAS 2022 National Meet - Buellton, CA - June 20-24, 2022**

**PAS 2023 National Meet - Glenn Falls, NY - June 19-24, 2023**

**PAS 2024 National Meet - Kalamazoo, MI - August 20-25, 2024**

As you can see there will be a National PAS Meet in Kalamazoo, MI August 20-25, 2024. The Board approved the dates and the venue, so we are off to a great start. Our Meet Committee, chaired by Merlin Smith includes many GLR members: Dave and Diana Stevens, Eric and Chris Peterson, Bill Morris and Wilma Hunter-Morris, Liz Horne, Jane and Dave Barclay & Greg Long and Ken Sockrider. If you would like to help us with the Kalamazoo Meet, please contact me at 773-771-9326.

May you all stay healthy and safe until we meet again. Thank you Bill for another great newsletter!

My Best,

Jane Mann Barclay  
GLR Director



Tom Barrett received a call in the middle of the night. "Sir, there is a fire in the building that adjoins your storage space". YIKES, both Pierce-Arrows are stored there! Tom jumped into his modern car, headed for the building and encountered the scene below. Tom's narrative as posted on the PAS website tells the story.



Last February both of our Pierce Arrows were involved in a serious fire. This is every car collectors worst nightmare. Fire started in the business next door, spread to my building and destroyed my office, shop, and tool room. Everything burnt to the ground. Unfortunately, the 1930 Victoria and the 1931 sport coupe were in the adjoining garage. The ceiling caught on fire but the firemen put it out with great effort. When I told them there were two Pierce Arrows in there, they worked very hard to control the fire and did manage to save them, although the Victoria got a bit roasted, suffering from a burnt roof insert, heat damage to the hood, roof , and fender.





Hundreds of gallons of water in both vehicles and lots of smoke damage. To make matters worse, I was in the middle of a brake relining on the Victoria, so it was up on jacks with all the parts cleaned and ready for installation safely laid out in the shop, or so I thought. It took me two weeks of digging through three feet of fallen debris to locate all the pieces. No heat damage because they were buried when the building collapsed on them. During those weeks, both cars were frozen in a dark smokey building, so the drying process was slow, which may have been helpful.





Now I'm not looking for sympathy or condolences, but a calamity like this can happen to anyone through no fault of their own. My only comment is make sure you're well insured, and keep your title and paperwork off site. I've got Hagerty, and they've been cooperative. My question to the experts out there is what comments or suggestions do you have in cleaning wool broadcloth interiors that have been smoke and water damaged. The Victoria has a light grey broadcloth fabric that will be especially difficult to clean. I have been unable to find any fire damage company in the northern Ohio area that is willing to tackle the job. Their reply is "we don't do car's anymore". I'd hate to hang an interior replacement on Hagerty, but I'm not optimistic on the Victoria. The '32 sport coupe isn't quite as bad, and I'm planning to bring to to Hershey for the annual meet if I can get it cleaned up successfully. Editor's note: He did and it's our cover shot

### GLR Members attend the Annual Meet at Lancaster, PA

We would normally be reporting on the "Spring Fling" in this issue. Covid-19 ruined that plan as we had to cancel the event. As a remedy we thought you might like to see just how many GLR members went to the Annual Meet in Lancaster and some of the things we did. On the show field Merlin Smith, Greg Long and Jane Barclay won class awards and Tom and Joan Barrett should have gotten a hard luck award.



Merlin Smith's '32 Model 54 1st in Class



Jane Barclay's Ladies Bicycle  
Most Original



Greg Long's '32 Model 54 3rd in Class



The Stevens '33 1247 at the Shoe House



The Petersons had Air Conditioning



The Riggins' '32 Model 54 Sedan



The Barclays' '32 Model 54



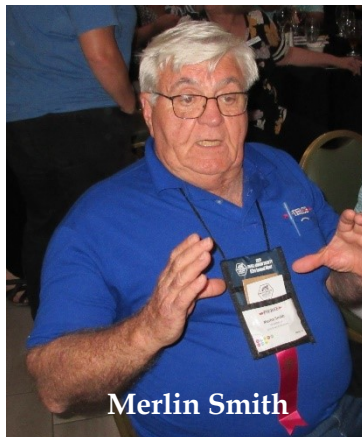
The Borks and their '26 Series 80



# GLR Members Attending the Annual Meet



Dave and Jane Barclay



Merlin Smith



Liz and Rick Horne



Ken Sockrider



Chris and Eric Peterson



The Smothers and Jane Smith



Stu Blair



Bill and Wilma Hunter-Morris



Greg Long and the Gibsons



Martha Foreman and the Mahans



SANDY!



Left: Diana Stevens. Sorry that I missed a photo of Dave.



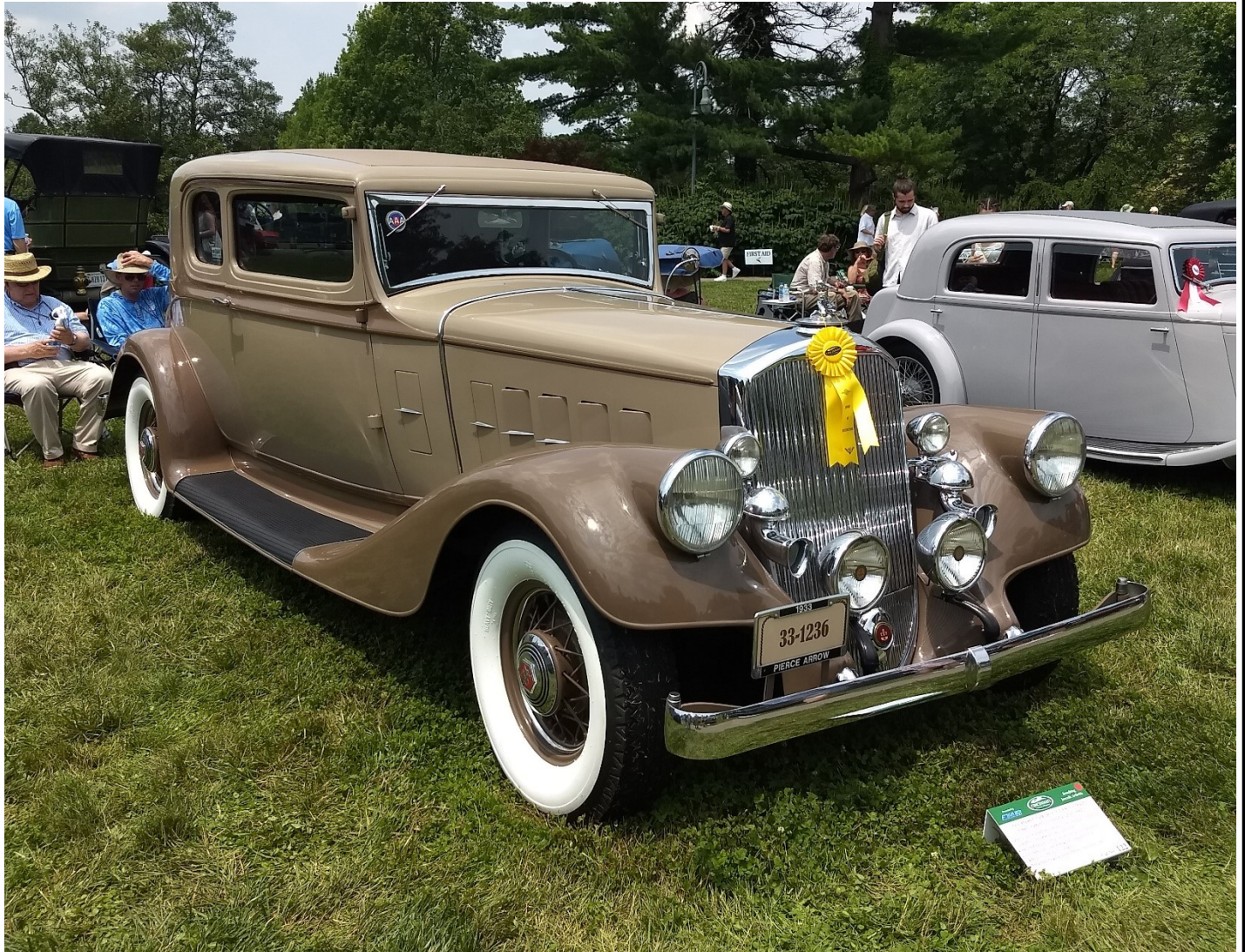
Tom and Joan Barrett



The 43<sup>rd</sup> annual Cincinnati Concours d'Elegance was held Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at Ault Park in Cincinnati. The Concours resumed this June with 2020's show canceled along with most all other events. This year, the weatherman cooperated with sunshine and temperatures in the 80's, the huge crowd in attendance was enthusiastic and 25 CCCA cars were among more than 200 invited cars participating which included 2 Pierce-Arrows.

GLR and PAS member Greg Thomas, from Maineville, OH, brought his 1933 Twelve Club Brougham which was previously owned by long-time PAS member Ralph McQuoid of San Diego, CA. And the ACD Museum, from Auburn, IN, brought their 1936 Twelve EDL, purchased new by the Huntington railroad family and with long-time ownership by PAS past-President and Technical Director Frank Merrell of Portland, OR. A side note of interest, this author's 1936 sedan was also owned for more than 40 years by Frank Merrell and it sat in the same garage alongside the ACD Museum's Pierce.

The Cincinnati Concours, benefiting the Juvenile Arthritis Foundation, is held yearly in June on the weekend before Father's Day; please contact Stu Blair if you would like to participate in next year's event.







## **2021 Great Lakes Region Pierce-Arrow Calendar** *All Events & Dates subject to Covid Cancellation*

**July 25** Plymouth, MI

**Aug 22** Geneva, IL

**Aug 26-29** Hickory Corners, MI

**Concours of America at St. Johns.** (248)-643-8645

**Geneva Concours** on 3<sup>rd</sup> St. (630) 584-3107

**18th Annual PAS Gathering at Gilmore**

Two plus tour days & a Sunday show at the Pierce-Arrow Museum for PAS members & guests. Host Hotel will be **Comfort Inn** in Plainwell, MI - **269-685-9891** \$126-\$136 Group Rate. Fun tours, great scenery, car collections, and good food. New & Old favorite venues as we enjoy the back roads of West MI. Rooms blocked only until July 23. Please reserve early! Registration forms with details will be mailed in April & on PAS website. Dave Stevens 231-740-3610

**Sept 19** Dayton, OH

**Dayton Concours**

Carillon Park Stu Blair 513-340-3107

**Sept.19-20** Indianapolis, IN

**Connor Prairie Car Show & Events**, CCCA Indiana Region

**GREAT LAKES REGIONAL DIRECTOR - Jane Barclay - (773) 771-9326**

**Call your Area Coordinator or Dave Stevens with event ideas or events to add!**

**ILLINOIS-WI** Bill Morris - (630) 469-9138

**INDIANA** Roy Foreman - (219) 942-8138

**MICHIGAN** Curtiss Pool - (248) 585-5805

**WISCONSIN** - Open for YOU to help!

**OHIO** George Quay - (440) 543-9132

**ONTARIO** - Ralph McKittrick- (416) 281-4422

**ACTIVITIES** Dave Stevens -NEW #(231) 740-3610