

THE GREAT LAKES ARCHER



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



The "Spring Fling" was in Indianapolis, IN
This could have been us taking a lap around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway
Read on and we'll tell you about the fun we had without the IMS lap.

The "Spring Fling" happened! This issue of the "Archer" will tell you all about it!

Welcome New Members:

Kurt Yearout 1707 Run Way Middletown, OH 45042

Following the Arrow:

Michael Bolitho, GLR Director

We had a great start to the year when 18 Great Lakes Region members gathered in Indianapolis for the Spring Fling. A write up is elsewhere in this issue of the Archer. Unfortunately, cool wet weather has prevailed much of this spring, which has delayed getting my car out.

There are a couple of really exciting events this summer. Please consider attending one or all of them and bring your car if you are able! In mid-June, we have the PAS national meet in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. In August, the Orphan Car Show and Car Games will be held in Michigan.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for the Orphan Car Show and Car Games in August. Please contact me, Michael Bolitho (343) 576-8742 or Rob Bork (616) 304-7217 if you are able and willing to help on one of the two days: August 23 or August 24. The Orphan Car Show is becoming a two-day event this year building on the great success and attendance at the show at last year's national meet.

We are starting to think about events for 2026, as planning must be done early to ascertain interest and arrange for suitable facilities and tours. Reasonably priced hotels are scarce in some locales.

Suggestions are welcomed. If there is something you would like to do for either a Spring Fling in 2026, or if you are interested in a car tour later in the summer, we would like to hear from you.

The GLR is rather large geographically with members throughout the mid-west. If you are aware of local automotive attractions (museums, private collections, automotive history such as manufacturing facilities or dealer buildings, good touring roads) in your locality, please pass them along. If your preference is to tour, then we also need to know whether you would like the traditional two or even three-day tour and where you might like to have it so that we can plan interesting routes and stops. We know that more than ever, hotels and other facilities need to be booked many months (or even a year) in advance to ensure availability and good rates, and also to ensure we do not schedule around other events. We heard that holding the Spring Fling on the same weekend as Mother's Day did not work well for some. If you have other events you would like to see added to the calendar, please send them my way.

If you have not paid your dues for 2025, Diana Stevens would like to hear from you. Dues are \$10 for email; \$20 for email+snail mail. Your membership supports the region's events and four excellent issues of the Great Lakes Archer, which is professionally edited by Bill Morris. Dues payments may be made with a check payable to GLR-PAS.

Please mail to: Diana Stevens
GLR-PAS
PO Box 309
Whitehall, MI 49461

Looking forward to seeing you this summer in either Eureka Springs, the Orphan Car Show, or at other events.

Comments and recommendations are always welcome - please contact me at mabolitho@sympatico.ca or (343) 576-8742 evenings before 9:00 PM EST.

See you on the road, Michael Bolitho, GLR Region Director

Great Lakes Region
2025 Spring Fling
May 9 – 11, 2025 Indianapolis, IN

By Michael Bolitho

Eighteen intrepid members of the Great Lakes Region attended our regular Spring Fling in Indianapolis. It was a successful fun-filled weekend to explore Indianapolis' rich history and automotive history. Stu Blair put together and executed a well-rounded weekend of automotive and non-automotive events, including:



Ray Harroun's 1911 Winning Marmon



Stu Blair



Michael Bolitho



Duane Wesche, John Gibson, Todd Tobiasz

1. A visit to the newly rejuvenated and recently re-opened Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum which is a magnificent tribute to the racing car. Unexpectedly, there was also a race running that day which added to the attraction.



Starting Line Experience



Jon, Janet & Mark



Tim Swanson

2. A visit to Dr. John Klein's collection (three Packard's and a nice example of a local brand called Duesenberg) housed in his historic home, which at one time was the residence of the Governor of Indiana and was built by the one-time President of Stutz. John gave us a history of his Duesenberg, spoke about Classic Motor Oil which is sold as a fundraiser project for the Indiana region CCCA, and with the assistance of his grandchildren, hosted us at the historic ice cream fountain in the basement.



Dr. John Klein



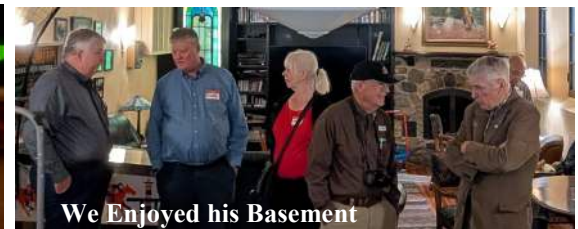
It's a Duesie!



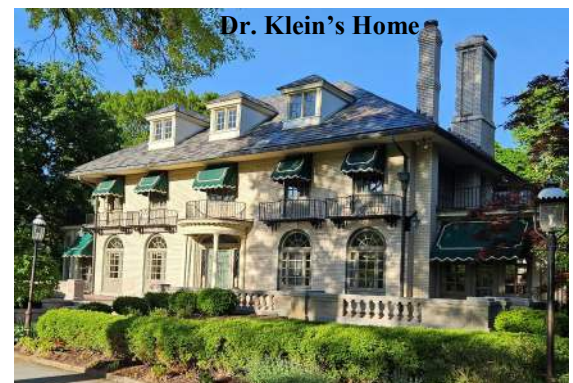
We All Learned Something



Ice Cream Sundaes for Everyone!



We Enjoyed his Basement



Dr. Klein's Home

3. A docent lead tour of the Indiana State Capitol, a stop at the Stutz (former factory) building, and then a tour of the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site, which is Harrison's largely original former home.



Grand Hallway

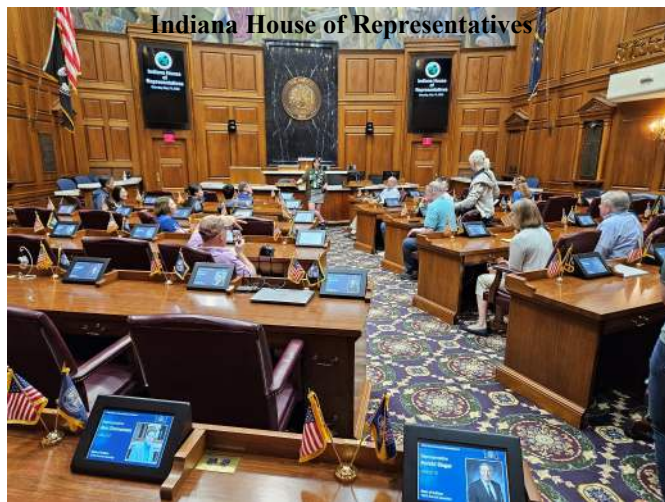


Marble Flooring with imbedded snail shells



Domed roof in State Capitol





Indiana House of Representatives



Stutz god Ra



Part of Stutz Factory buildings



Ornate bed frame



Caroline Harrison



Fitness Center



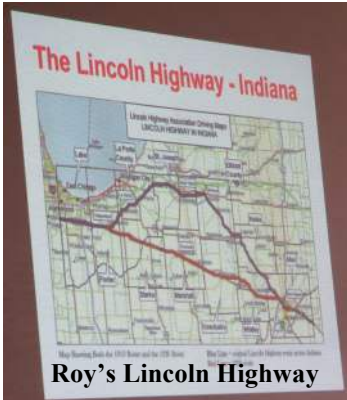
4. A talk/presentation on the history of the Lincoln Highway by GLR/PAS member/PA owner Roy Foreman; and finally,
5. Sunday morning coffee and doughnuts with Shawn Miller of Significant Cars and a tour of Andy Wolf's impressive collection.



Shawn Miller



Sunday Group Photo



Roy's Lincoln Highway



Stu Blair



Mark McGaw, Tim Swanson & Duane Wesche



Roy Foreman, John Mahan & Michael Bolitho



Todd Tobiasz



Clara Blair



Bill Morris



Dave and Diana Stevens



John Gibson, Janet Reus & Jon Reus



Angelica Bolitho, Marsha Mahan & Martha Foreman

We enjoyed bright, sunny weather, too much good food, fun, and it was great to see everyone out early in the season.

Recently, there was an area of the renovated Stutz building given over to a collection of perhaps a dozen cars, but that has been largely emptied and is now an event space with no public access. Nonetheless, there were still a few examples of "The Car that Made Good in a Day" on display. Certainly the docents at the Capitol and the Benjamin Harrison home made sure our civics education was augmented.

Bill Morris, Clara Blair, Dave Stevens and others were there with their cameras and some photos are attached.

Thanks to everyone who helped organize (Stu and Clara Blair), hosted us (John Klein, Shawn Miller), presented (Roy Foreman) and to everyone who came out. For those who could not make it, we missed you.

2025 Great Lakes Region Pierce-Arrow Calendar

June 8	Cincinnati, OH Cincinnati Concours Stu Blair (513) 340-8370
June 10 - 14	Eureka Springs, AR 67th Annual PAS National Meet Information in December PAS mailing
June 16	Oakbrook, IL Father's Day Show Bill Morris (630) 469-9138
August 22 - 24	Hickory Corners, MI Orphan Car Show and other events at the Gilmore Car Museum. Come out and support the Pierce-Arrow Museum. Information on page 8.
September 12-14	Kemble, ON Cobble Beach Concours d'Elegance https://www.cobblebeachconcours.com/ In connection with this event, GLR members Matt and Melanie Harwood are running the "Shakespeare, eh?" tour of SW Ontario including the Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Ontario, and the Cobble Beach Concours. More information at: https://gearboxevents.com/ontario2025/ . Registration deadline for the tour is early, with final payment due by mid-July. Hotel rooms must be booked by June 30, 2025.
Sept 6-7	Dearborn, MI Old Car Festival at Greenfield Village Henry Ford Museum's long running annual show. Information at www.thehenryford.org

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Call your area Coordinator with any event ideas or events to add

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

Other Areas Michael Bolitho (343) 576-8742 (temporary)

**GILMORE CAR
MUSEUM**
"ON THE GREEN"
RAIN OR SHINE!



**SATURDAY
AUG. 23
2025
10AM-2PM**

CLASS WINNERS IN EACH AGE GROUP!

**PRE-WAR THRU 1945
POST-WAR THRU 1975**

ORPHAN MARQUES CAR SHOW

*Discontinued Cars 1900 thru 1975
Stock only - No Hotrods*

1955 PONTIAC
CHIEFTAN



1930 PACKARD



Class Awards

1-2-3 each class

PRE-WAR:

UP TO 1920, 1921-1930, 1931-1942

POST-WAR:

1945-1960, 1961-1975

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Best Pierce-Arrow
Peoples' Choice
Pre-war & Post-war
Chairman's Choice
Pre-war & Post-war
Best Period Attire
Pre-war & Post-War

CAR RIDES! MUSIC! FAMILY FUN! FOOD!

\$30 per car FOR DRIVER & 1 PASSENGER

Includes admission to Gilmore Campus - a \$40 value

Additional guests require Gilmore admission • Pre-register before 8/10/25

Join us for more fun!!

CAR GAMES

Sunday, August 24

**FUN DRIVING
GAMES & PRIZES**

10AM-1PM

add on for only \$10!

Sponsored by

PIERCE-ARROW MUSEUM AT GILMORE

6865 W HICKORY RD • HICKORY CORNERS, MI

All museum buildings are open 'til 6 PM • Awards at 2:00 PM

TRAILER PARKING ON THE GROUNDS • SHOWFIELD GATE OPENS AT 8:00 AM

CONTACT: Rob Bork at (616)-304-7217

PRE-REGISTER AT

www.Pierce-ArrowMuseum.org go to "Events"

Registration at gate day of event ~ \$35



Scan me for online
registration!