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Director's Column by Cliff Woodbury and Howard Schaevitz

Board of Managers, and Members of the Delaware Valley Region, CCCA:

Thanks are due to Dave Hutchison for organizing our 20 November "Before We Put 'em Away" event. It was a particularly enjoyable day for us, as we explain further on. Members of the Valley Forge Region, Cadillac and LaSalle Club were invited to attend, and many joined in the fun and helped make it a success.

There was breakfast at The Desmond Hotel, following the usual tire kicking and story telling as

narrow roads (no dirt roads this time, though!) through forests and hamlets that we guessed hadn't changed much since our tour cars were manufactured. Dave Hutchison led the tour in a 1937 Auburn Boattail Speedster, taking pictures of the grand procession that trailed behind him. The roads, although narrow and sparsely travelled, were in good repair, with twists and turns enough to add up to several full circles in both directions. The leaf fall was mostly complete so that we could see deep in the woods the damage caused by the October snow



we arrived in what turned out to be a wide spectrum of cars, including, of course, Classics, Cadillacs, and LaSalles, but also sports cars, a matched pair of relatively modern British saloons, and a street rod. After breakfast, Dave Hutchison lined us up for a tour that he had laid out from The Desmond to the Fall Open House at Pollock Restoration in Pottstown, PA.

Those of you who participated in the 2010 Tour to Shady Maple will not be surprised to hear that the Dave Hutchison Tour was outstanding. We travelled

storm. There were broken trees and limbs were everywhere in the woods and at the edge of the road. We suspect many of the roads we travelled were impassable after the storm, judging from the evidence of tree removal sites along the way.

We were second in line behind the lead Auburn camera car. In Dave's Tour pictures that you will find elsewhere in this issue, you may be able to see us behind the windshield of Bud Coleman's 1938 Series 75 Fleetwood 7-passenger sedan grinning from ear to ear. You see, Bud took leave of his fa-

mous prudence and good sense and offered to let us drive his magnificent Fleetwood on the Tour. Of course, we accepted after the briefest moment to confirm that the offer was serious. This is a great machine, with all the wonderful Cadillac sounds and gearbox and clutch as smooth as a Fleetwood robe. A conspiracy to also drive the return leg from Pollock was smashed when Bud regained his good sense and pried the keys out of our hands.

Many of us returned to The Desmond Hotel on 10 December for our Holiday Party. This was again planned by the DVR, with VFR members also invited. By all reports, the occasion was enjoyed by all who attended. The fine meal was served and enjoyed while a slide show that we prepared with scenes from 2011 car events played in the background, accompanied by excerpts of recorded Christmas music played on the Wanamaker Organ. Attempts to play DVRs of important recent Classic Car events were successful enough to add to the fun, even though not free of “technical difficulties”. The weather was fine, and so several arrived in their collector cars. We were thrilled that Andrew Rosen accepted our challenge to drive his Packard Caribbean to the event (see picture nearby).

We hope that you did not miss the Thanksgiving morning HCCP gathering at Massey House in Broomall, PA. Please consider adding this to your perpetual car event calendar if it is not already part of your holiday tradition, as it is for us. The event lived up to its reputation as *the* premier tire-kicking, story-telling, and pure-fun car event of the year, and this year witnessed the consumption of an astounding 70-dozen doughnuts! Traditionally, the event concludes with a short tour to a local point of interest, and this year it was the restored Rose Tree Tavern at the corner of Rt. 252 and North Providence Road, on the north side of Media, PA. We had been looking forward to an opportunity to see inside this handsome historic building, and this was it. We toured two floors, now the offices of the Delaware County Brandywine Conference and Visitors Bureau. The inside is built out as offices and conference rooms with an historic look but with all the expected amenities and appearance of a modern office. It was nice to see the Moravian tile around fireplace on the first floor, saved to serve as a reminder of the historic nature of the building. The event gave us a chance to roll our 1934 V16 7-passenger sedan with its awful grey paint that continued to flake off to the amusement of those who came over to see if anyone had been hurt in the accident. Although a handful, the beast, years ago dubbed “Big Grey” by our oldest child, is a blast to

drive, and we hope that soon the broomed-on grey paint will be gone, and the car will be back in its original black.

Members of the DVR are cordially invited to the VFR-CLC Annual Banquet. It is being held this year on Saturday, 4 February, 2012 at the same venue as the last two, the Normandy Farm Hotel and Conference Center, 1401 Morris Road, Blue Bell, PA 19422. Planning for the redux started literally the evening of the last one, and has continued through the year. Steps were taken to manage the costs so that the price to the members - \$50 per person – is the same this year as last. We thought it would be best to copy the successful format of the previous occasions, including cocktails with the Lower Moreland HS Jazz Ensemble (you may again see familiar faces in the Band), and buffet dinner followed by dancing with singing by Louisa and Joe spinning the CDs and tapes. There will be slide shows as before, and you can witness the installation of the new VFR Board and Officers. For all these reasons, and particularly because you are guaranteed to have a great time, please register now (see form elsewhere in this issue), and join us at the VFR Annual Banquet.

Please watch the [DVR-CCCA](#) Web site for additional details about DVR-CCCA activities as they are developed. An updated Calendar of Events also appears elsewhere in this issue of *The Classic Driver*. After the VFR-CLC Annual Banquet, the next DVR Event will be our Pub Night, Tuesday, 6 March, 2012, 6:30 pm at UNO Chicago Grille, 2803 Route 73 S, Maple Shade, NJ, (856) 722-5577. This is the same location as the 2011 Pub Night, and it will largely follow the same format. There will be a slide show of recent car events of interest, and fresh attempts to play interesting DVRs, this time we hope with no “technical difficulties”!

Actually, before either of those, the next meeting of the Board of Managers is Monday, 16 January, 2012, at Andrew Rosen’s Rosedale Memorial Park, 3850 Richlieu Road, Bensalem, PA 19020. The meeting starts at 6:30 pm. Please arrange to have something to eat beforehand, or BYO to the meeting. Please contact Andrew for information on eat-in or take-out in the area. Although this is a BoM meeting, members are very welcome to attend, to participate in the discussions, and particularly to offer to help to organize an event.

The most important part of this message is this: please watch the Calendar of Events on our Web site for the most up-to-date information about our activities. Our intention is to publish the *Driver* at least quarterly, and to include the latest on planned events in each issue. However, a lot can change between issues, so the Web Calendar is the place to look for the latest and best information.

As we write this, Christmas and Hanukkah are over, and the New Year is upon us, so we wish you happy memories of 2011, and a Happy *and safe* New Year!

2011 Before We Put Em Away Run

Just before 8am, I looked out in my driveway and sure enough there was 1929 Auburn Speedster. Andrew stopped by to pick me up to lead the "Before We Put Em Away Run" this year. We got on the Turnpike at the Quakertown exit and all was well. After running a bit near 65 mph we noticed a bit of coolant on the windscreen, then steam. We pulled over and it turn out to be a loose hose.

A little slower worked better with a drink for the radiator after our breakfast. Once again, the weather turned out be in the 60s, so we had a bigger turnout that expected for breakfast at the Desmond. The staff was very helpful and everyone had breakfast.

We got underway on our one-hour and 10-minute, 37-mile tour on Chester County back roads. CCA DVR President, Cliff Woodbury said that Bud Coleman took leave of his famous good senses and let me drive his '38 Fleetwood 75 on the tour. Cliff went on to say, "The tour was absolutely fabulous, taken many roads that were only a little wider than cow paths through hamlets that time has forgotten."

What Cliff and some didn't know was that yours truly got a little too wrapped up in taking pictures and we missed a couple of turns. Not to worry, we had GPS and made some on the fly corrections.

As we approached Pottstown, one of our participant pulled off to head home to a prior commitment. Unfortunately some of the tour followed him! Most everyone found their way back to Pollock for the Open House. Best laid plans. huh?

Once everyone found their way to Pollock we joined the in progress Fall Open House. Mike and Barb had put out some snacks and we showed the tour around the shop. Dorian Custodia was there to demonstrate his metal fabrication talents and Curtis Bohn had examples of his beautiful wood graining work. We had about twenty project on display underway from full metal restoration, mechanical work, paint projects, and trimming. We estimate that we had about 75 people attend. All in all it was a good day!

- Dave Hutchison



& Pollock Auto Restoration Open House



2012 CCCA-DVR Membership

Please make sure you have paid your 2012 CCCA DVR dues. If you haven't, this will be the final newsletter you receive.



Calendar of Coming Events

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Plan to attend and bring a friend
[Board sponsored listed with DVR events in bold]

February 20, 2012; DVR-CCCA Board Meeting—3850 Richlieu Road, Bensalem, PA. The regular meeting of the Delaware Valley Region of CCCA will be held at the Rosedale Memorial Park. Call Cliff Woodbury at 610-864-0952 or email cawoodbury3@verizon.net

February 24 – 26, 2012; Atlantic City Classic Car Show & Auction—Atlantic City, NJ Convention Center, www.acclassiccars.com

March 6, 2012, 6:30 pm to ?; DVR-CCCA Pub Night—UNO Chicago Grille, 2803 Route 73 S, Maple Shade, NJ, (856) 722-5577. Same location and format as the 2011 Pub Night, Slide shows and DVRs of recent car events. Please RSVP Cliff Woodbury, 610 864 0952 or email cawoodbury3@verizon.net

April 7, 2012; Pollack Open House—Pollack Automotive Restoration, 70 South Franklin Street, Pottstown, PA, (610) 323-7108. www.pollockauto.com

April 25-29, 2012; Spring Carlisle Collector Car Swap Meet and Corral, Carlisle Fairgrounds—Carlisle, PA. Covering 150 acres and 8,100 vendor spaces, Spring Carlisle offers more chances than almost anywhere to find what you're looking for. www.carsatcarlisle.com

May 5, 2012; Cars and Coffee; Michael's Restaurant—1211 Benjamin Franklin Highway, Douglassville, PA 19518. Starting around 9am, bring your car and have a little breakfast with friends and friends-to-be. For more information, contact Sam Fiorani at (484)410-4132 or Fiorani@ptd.net

June 1-2, 2012; CCCA Grand Classic—CCCA Museum, Hickory Corners, MI. www.classiccarclub.org

June 8-10, 2012; The Grand Ascent and The Elegance at Hershey—Second annual concours and vintage hillclimb on the grounds at the Hershey Hotel. www.theeleganceatthershey.com

October 10-13, 2012; AACA Eastern Regional Fall Meet, Hershey—AACA's annual meet and flea market returns to Hershey. www.hersheyaaca.org

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A couple of Cadillacs leading a tour through rural Chester County before putting them away for the winter. An annual tradition in the Delaware Valley Region!