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OHIO REGION TROPHIES

Rodway Trophy

Most improved Classic; must apply to head judge.

Bayowski Trophy

Most improved Classic by owner; must apply to head judge.

Armington Trophy

Board of Managers choice of member's Classic at the Stan Hywet meet.

Davies Trophy

Past Director

W.W. Williams Trophy

The person contributing the most to the betterment of the club.

The "Good Joe" Award

Joseph B. Virostek Memorial Trophy, an annual award to be given to an ORCCA member in recognition of a good deed or act of kindness towards another club member.

Board of Managers Trophy

Most participation points.

Northern Lights Trophy

Members choice of an article in the Northern Lights written by a regional member.

Paige Palmer Award

For the 3 year or newer member contributing the most to the betterment of the Club.

Touring Trophy

Most miles driven in a Classic in a year.

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UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

February 7	Suburban Clock, Berea
March 7	Home of Bob Porter
April 4	Eric Butler, Sunset Memorial Park
May 2	Home of Bob Porter
June 7	Home of Nick Crea
July 11	Home of Jim Stecker
August 1	Home of Gary Rosenthal
September 12	Home of Margus Sweigard
October 3	Home of Dave Heinrichs
November 6	Annual Meeting, Joe Platten, Location to be determined
December	Holiday Party, Harry Wolk/Bernie Golias

COMING EVENTS

February	Possible tour of Thirsty Dog Brewery, Margus Sweigard
March	Theater Party, Joan Virostek
April	To be determined, Mike Dube
May	To be determined
June 19	Stan Hywet car show
July	Possible picnic, Margus Sweigard
August	Possible Huron Car & Boat Show, George Strom AACA Patterson Fruit Farm car show
September	Oktoberfest, Berea, Joan & Rudi Kamper
October 5-8	Hershey
October 8-9	Possible tour to Gettysburg, PA from Hershey
October	Fall Tour, Bob Porter
November	Annual Meeting, Joe Platten
December	Holiday Party, Harry Wolk, Bernie Golias

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Front Cover Car

By Bob Porter

The Cover Car is a 1931 Packard convertible Victoria with body by Rollston. It is a series 845, and is owned by Chris and Bill Snyder. The dark green body with black fenders and saddle leather interior makes a handsome car.



Letters to the Editor

It was a most beautiful tour to the winery on Sunday. We also enjoyed our lunch. The winery is a very nice place to visit and enjoy a meal. Thank you for a wonderful day.

David and Marie-Therese Miller

We just wanted to thank you for the wonderful tour you organized for the car club. The event was enjoyed by all, and the weather was perfect.

Jean and Gerry Gentner

Just a quick note to say how much my family enjoyed participating in the ORCCCA Fall tour to Ashtabula. The weather was beautiful and the old iron I brought didn't break down . . . a win-win.

Thanks for your efforts in organizing the tour and facilitating all the arrangements. It was an enjoyable afternoon. Everyone at our table liked the food served by Ferrante's . . . generous portions and tasty.

Again, thanks for efforts in providing a venue for us to show off our vehicles, and prove they are still road worthy.

Frank and Anne (and son Grant) Beard

The Northern Lights is a great publication. We always look forward to its arrival. You do a superb job, and I know it's not easy.

Al would like to change our address: he is now getting the magazine at the office, but since retirement is looming, he would like to receive it at home. Home address is 329 Browns Mill Road, Evans City, PA 16033

Mary Zamba

In Memoriam

From the Akron Beacon Journal

Frank O. Enright peacefully passed away on December 8, 2010, at 90 years of age. He is survived by his wife Ethel of 69 years, plus sons Michael, Tim, Jeffery, Patrick and daughter Maureen.

He retired from being president of Enright Lumber after 65 years in 1999. He was one of the early organizers of the Stan Hywet car show, and belonged to many car clubs. One of his favorite cars was Cadillac. Another sad note: son Patrick died this week. No further details.

Word was recently received that long time car collector Ken MacDowell passed on December 20th. He and his wife Joyce joined ORCCCA for the bus trip to Chicago several years ago.

Notice was just received that Beverly Kranz, widow of Bill Kranz of Bay Village, died the first week of January. The Kranzes had a fine collection of Classics stored in a 3-story barn on their spacious property next to a creek. The barn's 3rd floor was an open party area, allowing one to look down on the cars. The Kranzes were very generous hosts who enjoyed opening their facilities to various car clubs.

Our sympathy goes out to these families.

Glenmoor Gathering September 19

Submitted by Bob Porter

The 16th annual Glenmoor Gathering was held at the Glenmoor Country Club in Canton on Sunday, September 19th. Among the featured cars that had their own classes were Cars that were Made in Cleveland, Duesenbergs, Motorcycles, and Woodies. The weather once again obliged. Participants were pleased with the selection of

vehicles on display as well as the luncheon and after-glow meals.

Next year's event will be a bonus, as ORCCCA will be hosting a Grand Classic on Saturday, September 17, followed by the Concours on Sunday.

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Continued. . . Glenmoor Colorful Classics



1929 Duesenberg - LeBaron Body



1929 Duesenberg - Murphy Body



1939 Packard Darrin



1932 Auburn



1925 Kissel



1930 Willys-Knight Plaid Side



1928 Rolls Royce Town Car



1933 Packard

Continued. . . Glenmoor Colorful Classics



1934 Pierce Arrow



1939/47 Custom Bodied Rolls Royce



1932 Auburn



1936 Packard 12



1935 Rolls Royce



1929 Cadillac



1939 Cadillac



1934 Packard

Continued. . . Glenmoor / Woodies



1941 Buick Roadmaster



1949 Chrysler Town and Country



1948 Chrysler Town and Country



1948 Chrysler Town and Country



1948 Chevrolet "Country Club"



1948 Ford



1947 Buick Roadmaster

WHERE PROSPECT AVENUE WILL INTERSECT SALES

Submitted by David Miller

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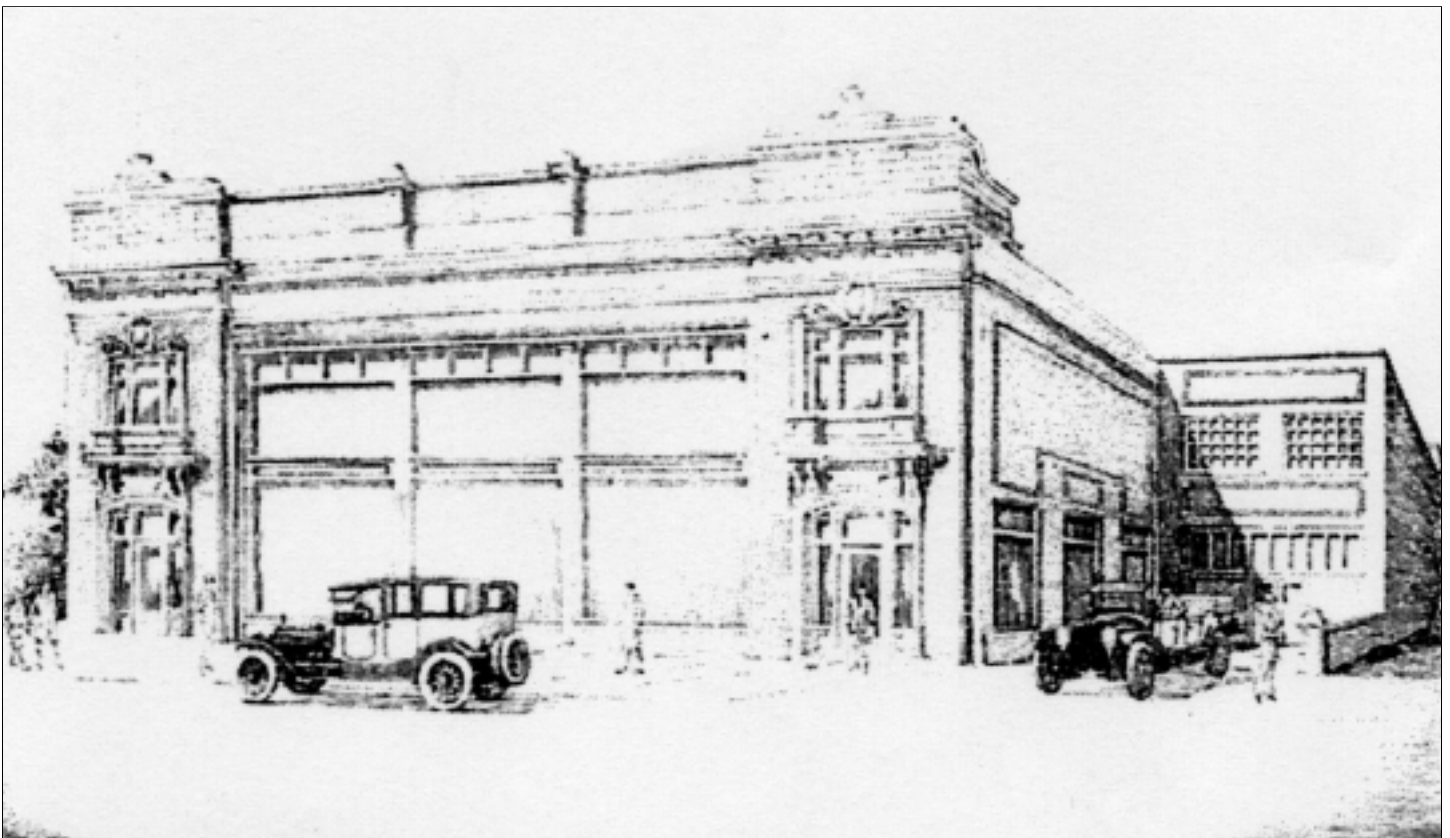
"A structure expressing the most classic dreams of motor housing code experts, and satisfying the artistic tastes of a sales department that has a right to be temperamental, will be ready for occupancy in the Sixth City by February 1. It must be, or Messrs. C.A. Forster, R.E. Campbell, H.G. Perkins *et alius*, will super-heat the contractors. The latter are under bond to deliver one large modern sales and service building, complete, to the Packard Cleveland Motor Company on the date and day herein-before set forth, viz.; February 1.

The site extends from Prospect Avenue through to Carnegie Avenue, east of East Fifty-fifth Street. Fifty-fifth Street sounds as though it might be out in the suburbs; but really it is only two blocks from Fortieth Street, and Fortieth is only seven or eight blocks from East Ninth, and East Ninth is away down town. Fifty-fifth Street is right in the heart of a new, thriving business section, and Prospect Avenue, at this point, is guiltless of street car tracks: *ergo* the location is ideal.

There is a frontage of 98 feet on Prospect Avenue, and another frontage the same width on Carnegie Avenue. The depth of the building will be 322 feet. The salesrooms will front on Prospect Avenue. On Carnegie Avenue is the entrance for trucks and service vehicles.

The Packard Cleveland Motor Company is officered by C.A. Forster, president; R.E. Campbell, vice president and sales manager; H.G. Perkins, secretary-treasurer and office manager; H.S. Norton, manager of truck sales; F.R. Porter, manager used car sales; Leonard C. Avery, manager of the technical department. The selling record of the Cleveland Company, in relation to its allotment, tops that of any other Packard dealer thus far this season, and the end is not in sight."

ED. NOTE: Although "F.R. Porter" is not related to your editor, he wonders if it could be a Frank Porter, whose namesake was the head of Central Cadillac, and whose building is also between Carnegie and Prospect Avenues.



This building will house one of the livest selling organizations in the United States.

AMISH WEDDING FEAST TOUR



Contemporary Shelter



Gathering at West Woods Park in Geauga County for donuts and coffee



Parking at "Emma's"



Parking at Burton Village - 4 Cadillacs and a Packard



Guests Jim and Phyllis Kbauf with new members Jim and Gail Cowan and their 1941 Cadillac Sixty Special



Train Depot



Caboose at Depot



Home and Military Museum at Burton Village

AMISH WEDDING FEAST TOUR

By Gary and Marcia Rosenthal

On September 25th, forty-three hardy souls met on a crisp early Fall day for a fun-filled ORCCCA tour. We began with breakfast at West Woods Park in Geauga County, then caravanned to Century Village in Burton. Docents told us about the restored 18th and 19th century buildings in this recreated historic village, and about life during these times. Sites visited included the school, marshal's office, grocery store, dressmaker's shop, doctor's office, church, railroad depot, and a caboose.

From there, we wended our way east on Rt. 87 to our destination of "Emma's House", where a sumptuous Amish Wedding Feast awaited us. Along the way, many in our group stopped at the Middlefield Cheese Co-op, Ridgeview Farms and other local shops. Once we arrived at Emma's, we enjoyed food served at a traditional Amish wedding. Platters of chicken, mashed potatoes, stuffing, homemade bread, seven layer salad, date-nut pudding, and a selection of pies were served. It truly was a memorable feast! We also enjoyed the

explanation of Amish wedding customs, which were related by Emma's husband, Mike.

The "Car of the Day" award went to new members Jim and Gail Cowan for their superb 1941 Cadillac Sixty Special. The first people to sign up for this event, Dorothy and Jim Battenhouse, received a gift of homemade Amish bread and apple butter.

We really enjoyed putting this event together, and thank all who attended. They were: Jim and Dorothy Battenhouse, June and Norm Cangey with great granddaughter Courtney, Joan Virostek, Bob Porter, David Miller, Connie and Jim Stecker, Mary and Nick Crea, Joan and Rudi Kamper, Norma and Bruce Lapiere, Dee and Jim Davis, Dave Heinrichs, Rita and John Addams, Chris and Bill Snyder, Jean and Jerry Gentner, Philip Masters, Gail and Jim Cowan with guests Jim and Phyllis Knauf, Margie and Ned Wright, and Marcia and Gary Rosenthal.



"Emma's House" Home and Restaurant



No cars here!



Sturdy Amish chairs



Lots of room!

Automatic Cadillac

They made the 1938 Cadillac V-16 with power steering and automatic transmission, didn't they? Well, not exactly.

In 1967, I was 25 years old and enjoying my second boating season with a 1964 Chris-Craft Constellation cabin cruiser. Part of the fun of being at Montrose Harbor in Chicago was not just taking your boat on Lake Michigan, but the camaraderie that developed among the boaters in the harbor. It was not unusual for one boat to be tied to the wall and have another two boats tied to the side of that boat to make one large party boat. One afternoon, when three of our boats were tied together, a fellow boater asked me, "Joe you collect cars, don't you?" As best as I recall, I said, "Yes, it's either my second or first love — I haven't really figured out which one it is."

At this point, my friend started to tell me about a V-16 1938 Cadillac convertible coupe that was located in Evanston, Ill., with its original owner. He had heard that it was going to be sold because the gentleman had gotten so old he could no longer drive the car. He said to me, "Maybe you've heard of his company, Bowman Dairy?" Well, everybody in Chicago had heard of Bowman Dairy, as it was the leading milk company since I was a kid. "Joe, if you like, I can get you Mr. Bowman's phone number and maybe you can get a hold of him." He didn't have to ask that question twice, and the next time I saw him at the harbor, he had the phone number in hand.

I called the number and a voice on the other end answered "Hellooooo" in a very deep voice. It seemed that Mr. Bowman liked to drag out his vowels, and during the course of our conversation, I introduced myself and became known as "Mr. Boooooortz" in Mr. Bowman's trademark baritone voice. I was invited to drive the car and when I arrived, I expected to find a shift lever and a clutch as on every other V-16 Cadillac, but much to my surprise, there was no clutch and the shift lever had "neutral," "drive," "low" and "reverse."

I asked, "Mr. Bowman, why does this 1938 Cadillac V-16 have an automatic transmission?" He replied, "Mr. Boooooortz, this car not only has an automatic transmission, it's equipped with power steering. You must understand, I am one of the

largest private shareholders of General Motors stock and several years ago, I had a stroke, which precluded me from using my right arm. I was able to prevail on the powers that be at the General Motors Tech Center and they were only too anxious to convert my very favorite car to an automatic transmission with power steering. I've been driving the car like that ever since, but now I'm nearing my 90th birthday and my doctor tells me that I shouldn't be driving anymore. Take it out for a ride and see how you like it. I think I'd like to have a young man like you have the car."



This 1938 Cadillac Series 90 convertible coupe was fitted with power steering and an automatic transmission behind its original flathead V-16 engine by the GM Tech Center for the car's original owner.



The Cadillac was sold to purchase this 1935 Packard V-12 dual-cowl phaeton once owned by Robert Hall McCormick.

You can imagine how great it was to be able to drive a 1938 Cadillac Series 90 convertible coupe with an automatic transmission behind its V-16, plus power steering. I'll never forget the unusual feeling that it brought to mind. It just made everything seem weird, but in a very enjoyable way.

For the next two seasons at the harbor, the Cadillac was a sensation. My best friend at the harbor, Herbie Levin, who owned the famous used-car lot at 3838 Northwestern Ave. in Chicago, kept begging me to buy the car. I finally relented, knowing that I needed the money for the next car I was going to buy: the Robert Hall McCormick 1935 Packard V-12 dual-cowl phaeton.

Levin kept the car for several years, and every once in a while during that time, he

would drive it down to the harbor where it always made me feel bad to see. It reminded me that I should have kept the car, but at that point, it was too late.

Some years later, Herbie sold the car, and at the time, I knew the buyer. I only wish my memory was better, for I really would like to be able to track down that car today. I wonder if anybody knows where it might be, for it was Mr. Bowman's favorite car out of all the cars he had through his lifetime, and was one of my favorites, too.

They say that oil and water don't mix, and you would think that would apply to power steering and an automatic transmission in 1938 V-16 Cadillac, but believe me, as Mr. Bowman might say, that mix was really "smoooooth."



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FALL TOUR TO ASHTABULA

By Bob Porter

On Sunday, October 17, fifty-five members of ORCCCA, AACA, and the Cadillac-LaSalle Club met near Geneva for what promised to be an interesting Fall Tour. The Fall colors were at their peak. We took back roads, going through several covered bridges, until we got to our destination. The tour was 60 miles, which took us two hours to our place of lunch, Ferrante's Winery outside of Geneva. Actually the trip was one big

circle. One of the most scenic areas was going up a narrow road, following a river which was crossed by a metal bridge, and spotting some very unusual houses set back in the woods.

After lunch, people were on their own. Those in a hurry took I-90 back to Cleveland. Those of us who liked a more scenic and leisurely pace chose to take Rt. 84 from Madison to Willoughby and home.

Continued. . . Fall Tour to Ashtabula



Small store and facilities at Harpersfield Bridge



Harpersfield Bridge and Falls - 228 feet long, built in 1868, upgraded 1992



Stop for pictures at Harpersfield Bridge



Mechanics Road Bridge, 154 feet, 1867



Smollen-Gulf Bridge in Ashtabula. Longest (613 feet) and newest (2008) covered bridge



Crossing metal bridge and falls



Going through Smollen-Gulf Bridge



Mike Dube's Auburn in Autumn splendor

Continued. . . Fall Tour to Ashtabula



Gathering at Plaza at I-90 and Rt. 44



Lining up



On the move



The oldest car on tour - Lee & Pam Wolff's 1924 Bentley



Back roads, old cars, and Fall colors



Don't miss the left turn!



Unusual contemporary home in woods



Very strange house. Early caveman?

Continued. . . Brunch at Ferrante's Winery in Geneva



Members and guests from three clubs enjoying the meal and company.



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ORCCCA ANNUAL MEETING NOVEMBER 7, 2010

By Joe & Ann Marie Platten

The event started at 1:00 at the beautiful Rosemont Country Club in Akron. It began with an attitude adjustment period, after which we were then served a wonderful buffet lunch which everyone enjoyed. There were 47 attendees this year. After lunch and dessert, the meeting was called to order.

All former and new board members were introduced. Joan Virostek stepped down from the Board of Directors after a 17 year tenure. She will be greatly missed; however she will continue to serve on the Stan Hywet committee and help out in many other areas. Everyone is very appreciative of the work Joan has done for the club.

The new board members will be Gary Rosenthal, Margus Sweigard, Dave Heinrichs, and Joe Platten. Alternate board members will be Norm Cangey and Eric Butler. Mugs were given to board members who served a previous term. They were Joan Virostek, Eric Butler, Gary Rosenthal, and Joe Platten.

Our new Director is Gary Rosenthal. Gary succeeds Mike Dube, who did a great job as Director and now, along with his wife Jane, will take over the duties of "High Beam" editor. Joe Platten will serve as the new Assistant Director along with the job of Secretary. Norm Cangey will assume the duties of Membership Director for Joan Virostek. All other board members will continue in their previous roles. Bob and Diane Brown won the Car of the Day award with their 1941 Cadillac.

It was announced that our club will be hosting a Grand Classic this year at Glenmoor Country Club. It will be held on the Saturday before the Glenmoor Gathering, which will be

on Sunday as usual. Joan Virostek and Chris Snyder will be putting this event together over the next few months.

Following are the individuals who won awards for their involvement in the club. Trophies were presented by Awards Chairman Al Truelson, assisted by Rudi Kamper, Mike Dube, and Joan Virostek. Besides the special awards, nineteen people received gift cards for having over 100 points.

Board of Managers Trophy, For Most Participation Points: Joan Virostek

Northern Lights Trophy, For Best Article in "Northern Lights": Jim Battenhouse

ORCCCA Touring Trophy, Most Miles in A Classic in A Year: Diane Brown

Rodway Trophy, Most Improved Classic: Harry Wolk

Armington Trophy, Best Classic at Stan Hywet: Dan Hanlon, '39 Packard

W.W. Williams Trophy, For the Betterment of the Club: Joe Platten

Howard Davis Award, For Appreciation of Leadership: Mike Dube

Good Joe Award, Kindness to a Fellow Member: Jerry Gentner

Paige Palmer Award, Helpful Member of 3 years or less: Tom Berry

Continued. . . Annual Meeting



Rosemont Country Club - Akron



Al Truelson, Joan Virostek, Mike Dube, Rudy Kamper getting ready to hand out awards at Annual Meeting



Dave Heinrichs, David Schultz, Rudy Kamper, George and Marjorie Strom



Jerry Gentner, Diane and Bob Brown, Joe and Anne Marie Platten, Jean Gentner



Gary Rosenthal, Mike Dube, Wendy and Morrie Dannenbirsh, Bruce Lapierre



Norma and Bruce LaPierre, John and Rita Addams, Tim Cole, Marcia and Gary Rosenthal



Joan Virostek, Jay Jesensky, Eric Butler, Connie Stecker



Harry and Kathy Wolk, Jean and Jerry Gentner, Al Truelson

2010 JOINT HOLIDAY PARTY ORCCCA / Northern Ohio AACA

By Harry Wolk

The 2010 Joint Holiday Party started out with some trepidation. Since this is the last event of the season, November and December signal the start of winter . . . along with cold, sleet and snow. This was no exception. The week before forecasted cold temperatures, high winds and severe snow starting late morning of December 12. We were lucky, as the morning started cold and dry. By early afternoon, rain and sleet was added to the day.

By 11:45, most of the 56 ORCCCA members and the 26 AACA members had belled up to the bar and began to settle in for some good conversation with other members. The Gene Fiocca Band had been set up on the stage and was tuning up for some great music. Their selections from great band leaders of the day including Glenn Miller, Artie Shaw, Benny Goodman, Glenn Grey, Nelson Riddle, Count Basie and Henry Mancini (Born in Cleveland!) to name a few. Many of us even danced several times on the dance floor to work off the food.

By the way, it is customary to give a bottle of wine to the first member who sent in their registration and check for this event. This year, we had a tie! It seems that shortly after the sign-up sheet was sent out, Bob Porter called a meeting for the Inner Circle for the 2011 committee. Bob was the host and Dave Heinrich and

Harry Wolk were expected as well. When I rang Bob's apartment door, there Bob and Dave stood in the open door with their registration forms and checks for the Holiday Party in their hands! A tie!

Early on, the bar enjoyed a great business of catering to the needs of the membership. Acquaintances were renewed, and new stories were told. Two National Board Members and their significant others graced the event. Christine Snyder and David Schultz shared newest information on what was going on with National. Seth and Jill Kohut recently rejoined our club after a short career change Seth took in Philadelphia. They are back at home with all the family and very happy. Dale and Josie Adams are new members of the club and also joined the festivities. We hope to see them on other events throughout the season.

By a little after four in the afternoon, the weather had turned to rain and sleet, so we thought it prudent to "Pack up the Band" and go home. We said our "Good Byes" until next time and headed down the road. I heard that everyone made it safely home.

We want to thank Ms. Katie Skinner, Corporate sales manager and her staff for taking care of the details from tables to food. Kudos to the Gene Fiocca Band for excellent music. Last but not least to Bernie Golias and Harry Wolk for the club's management for this event.



Rita Addams, Norma Lapierre, Nancy Pound, Kathy Wolk



Vicki Sweigard, Jill Kobut, Jane Dube, Diane Truelson



Bill Snyder, Margus Sweigard, Seth Kobut, Al Truelson



Dawn and Dave Heinrichs, David and Jane Schultz

Continued. . . Holiday Party



Conversation at the Christmas tree



The Gene Fiocca Ensemble played dance music for us



Greeting old friends



*John Addams, Bob Girardi, Jack Heimovics,
Morrie Danbenbirsh, Mike Dube*



Line-up at the Bar



Popular spot!



Joan and Rudi Kamper; Lee Wolff, Connie and Jim Stecker



Welcome Committee: Harry Wolk, Mike Dube, Bernie Golias



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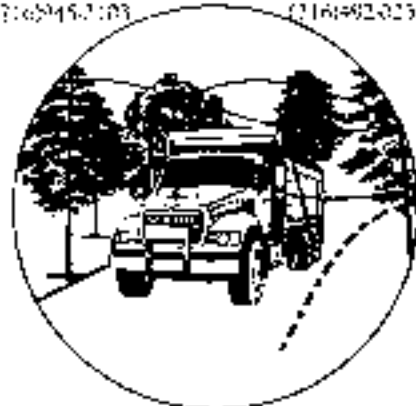
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