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1. Skip Tetz's Best of Show
1937 Cadillac 90 Imperial
Cabriolet by Fleetwood
2. Exterior fountains
at the Peppermill Resort
3. Joseph Cassini's 1932
Duesenberg J Derham Tourster
4. The Hilarides' 1931 Packard
845 Dietrich Sport Sedan
5. Michael Adams and his
1925 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost
Merrimac Town Car
6. Steve Snyder's 1940
Packard 1803 Coupe

THE 2017 CCCA ANNUAL MEETING By Carl Zeiger

Members from across the country and Canada met in Reno, Nevada, March 29 through April 2 to attend the CCCA 2017 Annual Meeting. The event took place at the Peppermill Resort Spa & Casino which began as a coffee shop in 1971 and what is now a large, eclectic complex, decorated in an Italian-style motif throughout. What made this venue especially pleasant were the beautiful video photographic scenes on display throughout the complex of destinations from around the world. We learned that the hotel's owners had commissioned the photographs on their frequent travels. A perfect setting for Classic Cars.

WEDNESDAY

Some of the group participated in the early bird tour to Lake Tahoe. Stops were made at the Lake Tahoe



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Maritime Museum, which houses a large display of wooden boats like those seen regularly on Lake Tahoe over the decades and then on to a very special car collection owned by Steve Hamilton. Lunch followed at Garwood's, with spectacular views of Lake Tahoe. Back at the Resort, the hospitality suite was "a buzz" over the simplicity of the display of fine automobiles at the Hamilton Collection and the extraordinary building housing the collection. Members renewed acquaintances, and of course talked cars on the bus ride up and back to Reno. Incidentally, the lake has returned to a normal level after a prolonged drought.

THURSDAY

The business meeting on Thursday introduced newly elected Board Members Jeff DeMarey from the New England Region and Thomas Quick from the Spirit of St Louis Region. (Side note: after the Annual meeting, we were notified of David Johnson's resignation from the Board but not from the Foundation. Greg

Stachura, Michigan Region, was named as David's replacement on the Board.) The Board member reports at Thursday's meeting were complete and informative sharing one common theme "we need new members."

The afternoon moved from business to fun with visits to historical collections. First, we traveled to the Railroad Museum in Car-



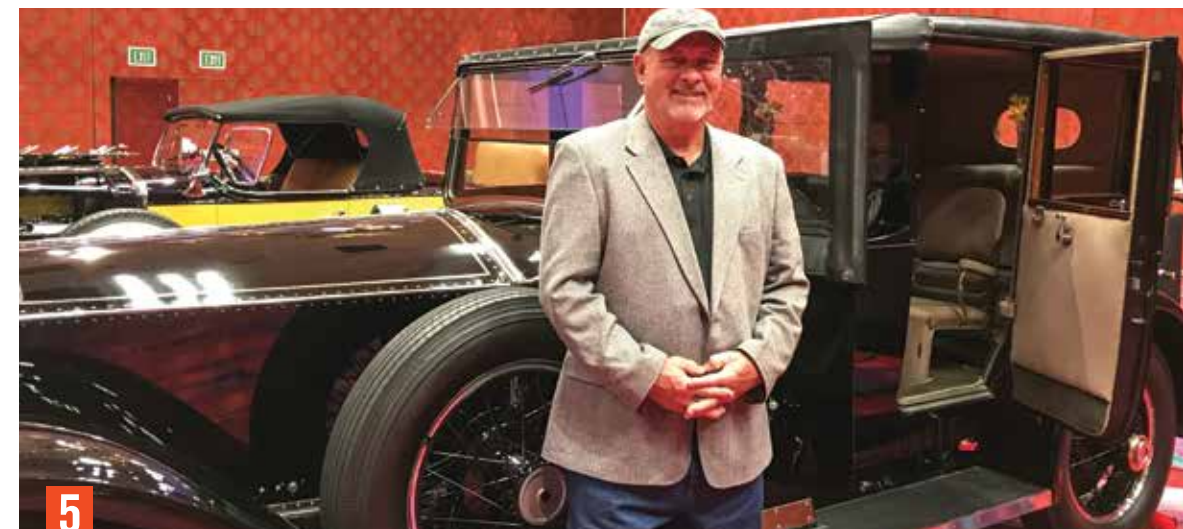
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son City, then to the Bacon collection of early day (1915-1925), primarily unrestored cars and then to the Ramsden collection of Packards, farm equipment and a country store with a unique collection of just "neat stuff." The day ended with dinner at Walleys Resort, a hot springs resort in Genoa, Nevada. The owner of Walleys will be one of our co-hosts for the 2018 Annual meeting in Branson, Missouri.

FRIDAY

It was back to business with Regional Directors, Editors, Museum and Foundation meetings. National Chief Judge Steve Babinsky led a Judging Seminar to introduce new judging form that was used on a trial basis at Saturday's judging of the Classics. National will provide more detail shortly. The afternoon bus ride then took us to the magnificent Robert M Lee Collection of cars, artwork, luggage and firearms. Included in the collection was the Best of Show at Pebble Beach for 2009, a 1937 Horch 853, Voll & Ruhrback Sport Cabriolet.

Friday night, we traveled to the National Auto Museum in downtown



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Reno for the Regional Awards Dinner held alongside the Museum's well displayed car collection. Our featured speaker was Mark Hyman from Hyman Ltd. who provided an overall view of the general market conditions for Classics.

SATURDAY

Our Saturday schedule allowed for a day of leisure except for those showing their Classics or judging. Brunch was held among the Classics on display for judging, as was the Awards Dinner Saturday night. Among the many awards was one given to Fred Kanter of Kanter Auto Products for his many



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years of service to the Classic Car Club of America and to Packard owners everywhere. A few pictures shown here illustrates the outstanding group of Classics that made it to Reno.

The Annual Meeting was

well received by attendees, the car collections and the display of members Classics were a hit. Try to attend next year's Annual Meeting to be held in April 11-15, 2018, in Branson, Missouri. You will enjoy it.