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*Antique Automobile Club of America*



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## NEXT MEETING:

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### The Vintage Radio & Communications Museum

February 15, 2014

Saturday

10:00 AM

115 Pierson Lane

Windsor, CT 06095

[www.vrcmct.org](http://www.vrcmct.org)

860-683-2903

Our host will be Ed Sax

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**From the editor....**

Be sure to join us for the next CCR membership meeting at the Vintage Radio & Communication Museum in Windsor on Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

If you missed the January meeting at Walton Tool, you missed a very interesting meeting!

There are many other interesting club activities coming up during the year. Check out the Events listing in this Distributor for more information.

Please help us find interesting places for future meetings. Going to automotive related venues keeps this club interesting. Please let CCR President Travis Cook or any board member know your suggestions.

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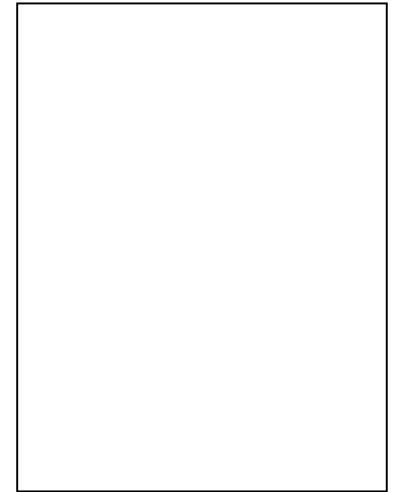
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## President's Letter

## February 2014

On January 16<sup>th</sup> our CCR membership meeting was held at the Walton Company in West Hartford. About 15 members enjoyed the evening hosted by company owner and CCR member Skip Weeks. Skip showed us how they have made extractors for over 100 years to remove broken taps of all sizes and broken pipe fittings. We also enjoyed checking out Skip's fabulous collection of antique bicycles, motorcycles, boats, toys and cars.

Come and join us at the next CCR membership meeting for a guided tour of the Vintage Radio & Communication Museum in Windsor on Saturday February 15, 2014. Today we all use cell phones, tablets and computers that all have more computing power than the first space shuttle had. Try to imagine a time before all this existed. That's what you will experience at the Vintage Radio & Communication Museum that features displays from the 1850s up until the 1970s. You will see telegraph, telephone, typewriters, movie equipment, radios, televisions and industrial equipment on display, many of which are hands-on displays. Check out the museum web site at [www.vrcmct.org](http://www.vrcmct.org) for more information and a virtual tour of the museum. I hope to see you there!



Travis Cook, President

The CCR annual spring banquet will be held on Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup> at Violi's Restaurant located at Hunter's Memorial Golf Course in Meriden. This is one of our best events of the year and will feature a guest speaker and other fun events for all. Put the date on your calendar now and all the details and reservation form will be in the March Distributor.

Check out the "Upcoming Events" page in this Distributor for more great club activities scheduled during 2014.

On behalf of the entire club, I wish a speedy recovery to Jerry Olson, Ray Lichota and Ben Bereza who have all suffered medical issues during the past month.

**Our next meeting will be: Saturday February 15, 2014 at 10:00 AM**  
**The Antique Radio Museum**  
**115 Pierson Lane**  
**Windsor, CT 06095**  
**Our host is Ed Sax**

Until next time – safe motoring!  
Travis Cook, President  
CCR-AACA  
860-462-1067 cell phone.

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### Did You Know?

In 1912, Mr. Ransom Olds wrote: "The car I now bring out is regarded by me as pretty close to finality... I do not believe that a car, materially better, will ever be built."

**January 7, 2014 BOD MEETING**  
**Central Ct Region AACA**  
**Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 PM**  
**Fox Laminating, West Hartford**

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Secretary's report was read and accepted  
Treasurer's report was read and accepted

**OLD BUSINESS**

The club still has 3 free memberships for AACA. These are only good for 2014. If anyone knows of a good prospective member, that is the person who should be offered one. They would still have to pay the region dues.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The board discussed how we should approach prospective members. Years ago we had calling cards with the names and contacts of the club officers. Bob Hand will look into getting cards printed up. We will be approaching a new legislature session soon. The 4C's will inform us if anything comes up that would affect us. We will publish the information in the Distributor.

Our past President Nick Nesci will be going to Philadelphia to be a presenter at the winter meeting of the AACA. (Note to Nick, I'll have a Philly cheese steak.)

Our January meeting will be at Skip Weeks shop in West Hartford on New Park Ave on the 16th. A planning committee will be put together for the car show. We are looking into places for our annual banquet. Information will be published when the board has a decision. At this time we still are looking for meeting sites for February and March. Fred Glabau reported that as of today we have 56 paid up members.

The listing of new board members is in the Distributor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM  
Paul Bosco, Secretary



This is a 1926 Cadillac wrecker that belongs to Skip Weeks... bet you've never seen one of these before!

## Al's Trivia February 2014 (answers on page 7)

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1. What sub-compact car did Chrysler-Plymouth introduce in 1971?
  2. Where was the engine located in the Corvaire?
  3. What year was the highest land speed recorded by a woman, clocked at 524 mph?
  4. What automobile died after a lengthy illness in 1969 at the age of 10?
  5. What year did Chrysler introduce parking brake warning lights?
  6. Give the pony names introduced by Ford.
  7. How many portholes did the Buick Century have on its front fenders?
  8. What automobile did the Ajax car resemble?
  9. What man, born in Norwich, CT, planned to deliver West Point to the British in 1780?
  10. What two New England states have the longest natural borders?
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### CCR MarketPlace (For Sale/Trade/Wanted/Free, etc.)

#### 1976 Cadillac Convertible

Great condition, 29,400 miles, 2<sup>nd</sup> owner passed away, Yellow color, asking \$22,000.  
Call Rajaa Hamzy 860-583-3128.

#### 1969 Mercury Cougar Convertible

24K miles, 351C, FMX auto, PS, PB, power top, not an XR7. Starts, runs & is registered. Body is good but has dings on the hood & side. Interior is usable but shows age because of the sun. Asking \$12,000 OBO. Contact CCR member Larry Boardman at [larry@larryboardman.com](mailto:larry@larryboardman.com) for more details.



#### 1929 Ford Model A Sport Coupe

Selling for a friend - older ground up restoration with very little use, \$18,000 and will consider all offers.  
Ray Lichota, CCR Member, 860-633-6561.

#### 1956 Chevy 210 Sedan

Black & white 2 door vehicle has a 350 4 bolt main crate motor, M21 4 speed transmission, 3.08 rear, dual exhaust with Flowmaster mufflers, disc brakes in front, drum in rear. Restored 10 years ago, 16,000 miles since restoration. Very nice driver. All floors, trunk floor, braces, body mounts, front fenders & left quarter panel were replaced. Have all receipts. First \$28,000 takes it. Phone 860-632-9770 (home) or 860-801-4305 (cell) after 5:30 PM. Ask for Teddy.



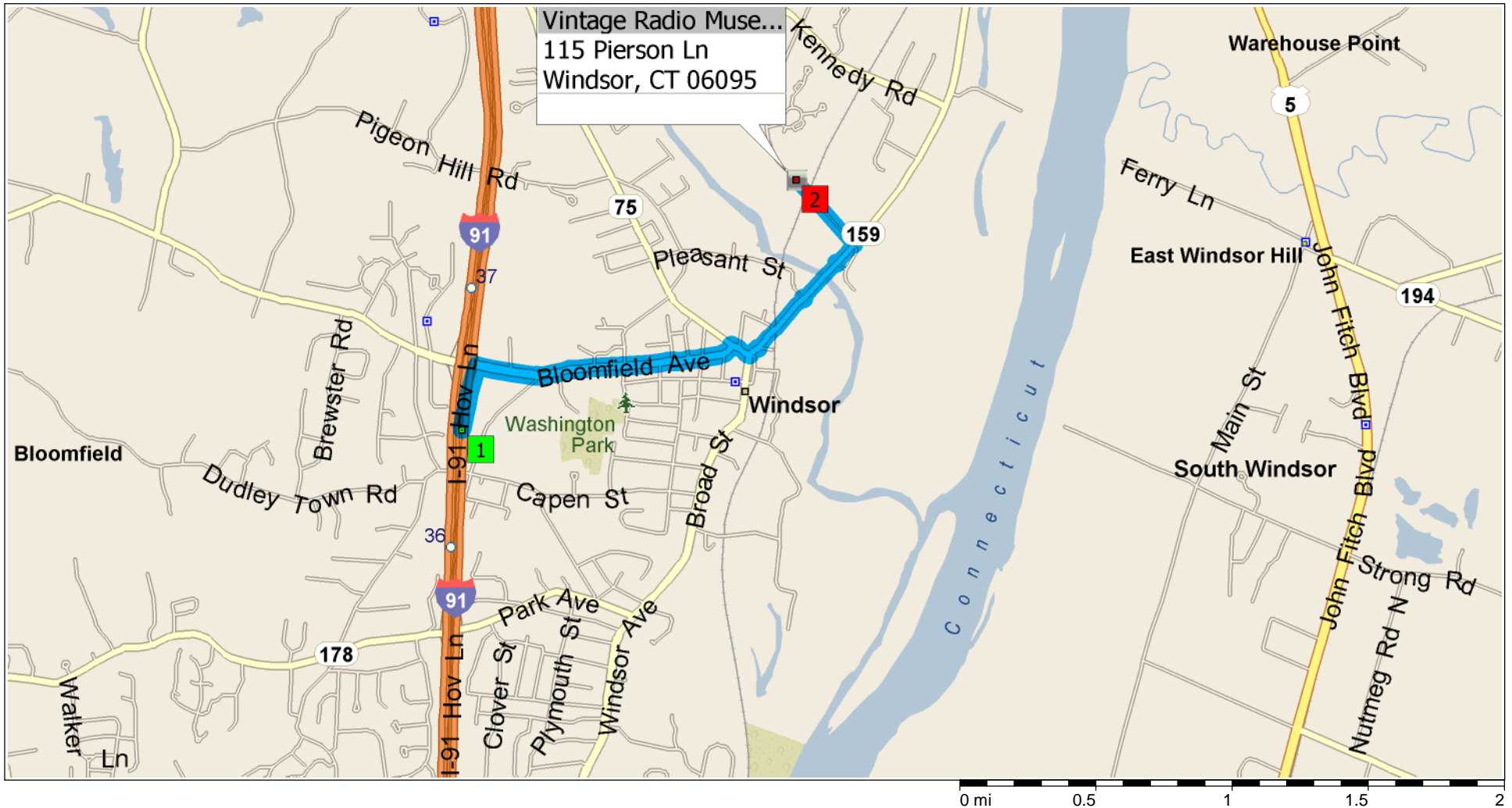
**Wanted** - Looking for misc pieces and parts for my 1927 Ford T - 2 door sedan and my 1927 Ford T touring.

Anyone have some misc T parts that they can part with? Thanks.

Tom Gormley, CCR Member, 203-405-1893.

*To advertise your items in the CCR MarketPlace please send a note or email to Bob Hand at the address listed on page 2 of the Distributor. Include a good description, price and your contact information. We will publish your ad until the item is sold or you tell us to stop. And, please, let me know when your item is sold or you wish to stop the ad. Thanks.*

## 37 to 115 Pierson Ln, Windsor, CT 06095



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### Directions to Vintage Radio and Communications Museum 115 Pierson Lane, Windsor, CT 06095

**From the Hartford area:** Take I-91 North to exit 37, Route 305/Bloomfield Ave. Turn right onto 305 toward Windsor Center. Travel about one mile until the road ends. Turn right onto Rt. 75/Poquonock Ave. Continue to second light. Take a left onto Rt. 159 north. Go under railroad overpass, past Bart's restaurant on your left, over the Farmington River, as you approach the stoplight look for the brown tourist attraction sign telling you to take a left onto Pierson Lane. Go over railroad tracks. Museum is about 150 feet ahead on your right.

### CCR-AACA Upcoming Events

- 1/16/14** The Walton Company, Thursday January 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM  
600 New Park Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06110. Skip Weeks (complete)
- 2/15/14** The Vintage Radio Museum, 115 Pierson Lane, Windsor, CT 06095 Saturday 10:00 AM,  
(Jim Finnance)
- 3/22/14** The Springfield Museums, Edwards St., Springfield, MA Saturday 10:00 AM,  
A tour of 4 museums – cars, Indian motorcycles, Springfield history (Jim Finnance)
- 4/5/14** CCR Spring Banquet – Viola's, Meriden Saturday 6:00 PM (Jim Finnance)
- 5/17/14** Vintage Motorcars, Westbrook, Saturday 10:00 AM (Travis Cook)
- 5/17/14** Car Show at Covenant Village of Cromwell, 52 Missionary Road  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm, (not a CCR event) Pete Alison, CCR member
- 6/08/14** CCR/AACA Car Show. This is our show, save the date! Sunday (Bob Hand)
- 6/14/14** Klingberg Antique Car Show, New Britain, CT. (not a CCR event)
- July** No Meetings
- 8/14/14** Twin Brooks Restoration, 1064 East St., Suffield, CT 06078 Thursday 7:00 PM,  
(Travis Cook)
- 9/18/14** Bundy Motors, 7 Industrial Park Rd West, Tolland, CT 06084 Thursday 7:00 PM,  
(Travis Cook)
- 10/08/14** Hershey Flea Market & Car Show. Flea market 10/8 - 11, car show 10/12. Always a great  
time at Hershey. Takes the place of the CCR October meeting.
- 10/11/14** CARTOBERFEST 2014, 10am to 3pm, Collinsville Antiques Building Parking Lot,  
Route 44 – 283 Main St., New Hartford, CT 06057. (not a CCR event)
- 11/14** Tentative – Military Museum of Southern New England (Paul Bosco)
- 12/11/14** Annual Election of Officers and Pizza Party, Elk's Club, Hartford, CT 06103. Lou Maglaty.  
Thursday 12/11 at 6:00 pm. 34 Prospect St. Park in garage behind Elk's Club.

**Ideas for meeting places always welcomed. Call Travis at 860-462-1067. Thanks**

### Answers to Al's Trivia – February 2014

1. Cricket
2. Rear engine
3. 1976
4. Corvair
5. 1947
6. Bronco, Pinto, Mustang, Maverick
7. 4 on each side
8. Nash
9. Benedict Arnold
10. Vermont and New Hampshire  
(bordered by the Connecticut River)

**It Will Soon Be Car Show Season!**

# ANTIQUE CAR SHOW

**at Covenant Village of Cromwell  
52 Missionary Road Cromwell, CT**

**10:00-2:00pm**

**on Saturday May 17, 2014**



**Food will be sold (Fried Chicken,  
Burgers, Dogs, Corn, Soda)**

**Restroom on premises**

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This show is put on by CCR Member Pete Alison. Contact  
Pete at [petesv8shop@sbcglobal.net](mailto:petesv8shop@sbcglobal.net) or 860-632-7211.



## Pray Collection Heading to Amelia Island this March

(Originally posted by Sports Car Digest, January 2013)

A selection of automobiles from the Malcolm Pray Collection will be among the headline offerings at the 2014 RM Auctions Amelia Island sale, scheduled for Saturday, March 8th at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Amelia Island, Florida. The sale of 17 cars comes after the passing of Malcolm Pray in August 2013.

"Malcolm has been a part of the RM family for over 20 years and our entire team is honored to present a selection of his beloved cars on behalf of the Pray family," said Gord Duff, Car Specialist, **RM Auctions**.

Malcolm S. Pray Jr. grew up in Greenwich, Connecticut and after college and service in the Air Force ending in 1955, Malcolm was the largest Audi and Saab dealer in the United States, in addition to serving as President of the American International Automotive Dealers Association and both the Porsche-Audi and Volkswagen Dealer Councils. In 1970, he was recognized by *Time Magazine* with the Time Quality Dealer Award. Mr. Pray was also an award-winning member of many civic, charitable, and political organizations and in 1986, after the tragic loss of his only son, he raised the funds to build the Malcolm S. Pray III Memorial Building at the Ernest Thompson Seton Scout Reservation in Greenwich. He has also raised over \$2 million through the Friends of Scouting campaign that he initiated nine years ago. Malcolm's automobile museum in Banksville, New York, is also the home of the Pray Achievement Center, an organization he founded to mentor and motivate young people to achieve their life goals, inspiring over 8,000 youth since its establishment in 2001. Proceeds from the sale of Malcolm's automobiles will benefit The Pray Achievement Center where his daughter Sabrina will work with the foundation to help continue the important work begun by her father.

The highlight of the Pray Collection on offer at the **2014 RM Auctions Amelia Island sale** is a 1937 Delahaye 135 Competition Court Roadster by Figoni and Falaschi, chassis 48667. The car termed as "Malcolm's French Mistress" by his wife Natalie is one of just two surviving 135 Competition Court Roadsters bodied by the Parisian firm and designed by French painter and illustrator Geo Ham. Like many of the cars in the collection, the Delahaye comes out of long-term ownership by Mr. Pray, who purchased the car in 1964 and retained, showed and rallied it for nearly half a century.

"RM's sale held at the Amelia Island Concours, two events that Malcolm has attended since their inception, is the perfect setting to offer such important cars that he enjoyed for so long," adds Duff. "We're thrilled to see that the sale of his collection will continue to support Malcolm's dedicated philanthropy, just as he would've wanted." Additional consignments from the **Malcolm Pray Collection** include a 1961 Ferrari 250 GT Series 11 Cabriolet by Pinin Farina, chassis 2093GT, which has been a part of the collection since 1969 and is complete with its original engine and factory hardtop, along with a 1957 BMW 507 Series II Roadster, chassis 70156, owned by Malcolm since 1972 and featuring a factory hardtop and rudge wheels.

As official auction house of the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, the RM Amelia Island event will offer more than 80 automobiles during the single-day sale. For more details, including an updated list of consignments, visit [rmauctions.com](http://rmauctions.com) or by calling toll free at 1 800 211 4371 (+1 519 352 4575 outside North America).

You may remember that our CCR club visited the Malcolm Pray Collection in Greenwich in November of 2010. Malcolm was a real gentleman and a gracious host during our visit. It was a real treat to see a collection of this quality right here in Connecticut. We offer our sympathy to Malcolm's family.



Bob Hand  
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Bristol, CT 06010

## FIRST CLASS

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The CCR/AACA was chartered on February 28, 1975 as a nonprofit organization dedicated to the search, preservation and restoration of the antique automobile and its related memorabilia.

