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## **General Information**

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# **Docent Newsletter**

## **Notes From The Dashboard**

### VISITOR COMMENTS SHEETS

A review of the Visitor Comment Sheets for November, once again, shows that the visitors are pleased with the time you spend with them and your knowledge when giving a tour. Keep up the good work.



### DOCENTS' 22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PARTY AND FUND-RAISER

Over 80 of you attended this event on December 10. A lot of good food and the opportunity to see old friends again at this time of year was important. Three live auction items, around a dozen silent auction items, and numerous 'grab bag' items were taken home by the attendees. Income from the Party is in the neighborhood of \$2800 with \$700 of that to go toward new lights. Thanks, again, to Pete Grimes and all of you who helped to make this event a success by bringing the good food that was shared with all; or to those of you who either donated, obtained, or bought some of the items at the auction and raffle; and for helping behind the scenes. And to Kenn Bucholz for his knock-out "Nudges".

### DOCENT OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

This is your last chance to nominate one of your fellow docents for this award. We have several that are being considered, but we want to make sure we have your input. The award will be presented on February 19 at the annual Membership meeting and we need your nominations now so we may evaluate each person's qualifications. See the attached form to be used for your nomination.

### YOUR DOCENT SHIFT

If any of you need to, or would like to, change the day or time of your current docent shift, please contact Bob Florence, Membership Chairman, at [bflorence@att.net](mailto:bflorence@att.net). If you check the Docent Calendar you will see that some shifts are over-staffed, and some are under-staffed. If you are on one of those shifts that is over-staffed, please consider a change to one where more docents are needed.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

You should have received your 2010 Gearhead Membership information (or will be getting it soon) so be sure to claim your official "Gearhead Membership Card" which is new this year! As you know, your CAM membership is free for your first year, so new docents taking the 2010 docent class will be getting their membership packet as part of the course.

### HELP WANTED

We are still in need of a person to fill the position of Secretary on the Docent Council. At this time it would be an appointed position, not an elected one. If interested, please contact me at the email address below or call the Museum.

### DOCENT TRAINING COURSE

Next year's class starts on January 7. Plan on attending a few of these classes to keep your skills sharp. No charge, of course, but a new binder would be available at a modest cost. Let Bill Millard know if you want a new binder.

### DOCENT BUSINESS CARDS AND NEW BADGES

There are still a few of these on the Docent Resources Desk. Please stop by and pick

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## 2010 Board of Directors

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## Committees & Meeting Times

<b>Board</b>	4th Wednesday 6 PM
<b>Building</b>	TBA
<b>Revenue</b>	2nd Tuesday 4 PM
<b>Docent Council</b>	1st Tuesday 6 PM
<b>Speed</b>	4th Thursday 1 PM
<b>Education</b>	2nd Wednesday 5 PM
<b>Exhibits</b>	2nd Tuesday 6 PM
<b>Finance</b>	3rd Tuesday 4 PM
<b>Library</b>	Thursdays 10 AM
<b>Membership</b>	3rd Tuesday 10 PM
<b>Marketing</b>	1st Friday 11 AM 3rd Wednesday 11 AM
<b>New Home</b>	TBA
<b>Staff</b>	Wednesdays 9 AM

## January History Factoid

On January 2, 1839, Charles Goodyear develops vulcanization of rubber

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yours up on your next docent shift day. If not picked up by the end of the year, it will be understood that you are no longer interested in being involved with the Museum.

### DOCENT COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting is Tuesday, January 5 at 6pm in the Lunch Room. You are all invited to attend.

Questions, comments or complaints, email me at [kjordan@calautomuseum.org](mailto:kjordan@calautomuseum.org). Thanks for all you are doing.

...Ken

## Notes from the Curator

### On the Museum Floor

The Museum has acquired a new donation and a few new exhibitor vehicles. The newest donation is a 1949 Cadillac Series 62. It is in great condition and we are very happy to have it here! The newest exhibitor vehicles include a 1969 AMX exhibited by Ron Vogel and a 1953 MG, exhibited by David and Helen Bashaw. Thank you to both exhibitors for sharing your vehicles with us!

Additionally, you will notice that there is some work being done in the back of the Museum where most of our 1950s cars are exhibited. Donald Buol, an artist and car enthusiast has volunteered his time and talent to help us create a more exciting exhibit space in that area. In the next few months you will see a 1950s themed drive-in movie, café and drag strip to accompany the wonderful cars in that area! Also, Phil's Garage is undergoing some changes to accommodate our Mechanics who work on the cars in that space every Thursday.

### Other News

I would like to thank those of you who assisted with the artifact inventory process. Your help allowed us to gather a lot of information that would have otherwise taken me months to acquire! We are still in the process of inputting the data into Past Perfect, the Museum's new database. Anyone interested in assisting with this data entry please let me know!

Thanks to all of you for all of your hard work,  
Amanda Moss  
Museum Curator  
[exhibits@calautomuseum.org](mailto:exhibits@calautomuseum.org)



## Studebaker featured in Car Club Cavalcade for January

Members of the local Studebaker Club will be displaying their cars.

For the most current info on events and the docent schedule, check the Museum's website at [www.calautomuseum.org](http://www.calautomuseum.org).

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**Pit Crew:**

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Perry Knopf  
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Dave Eichner

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**Now we'd like to put  
together a Rain Crew!**

As you know, the Museum has unique problems when it rains and our staff cannot keep up with it sometimes. Would you be willing to come down to the Museum to help when it rains? It would involve: putting out buckets, mopping leaks, drying/covering/moving cars.

If you are interested, please contact Randy Masterson, our Operations & Maintenance staff @ 442-6802 or [maintenance@calautomuseum.org](mailto:maintenance@calautomuseum.org).

## Replicas of First Indy Cars to be Produced

by John Gunnell, Old Cars Weekly Contributor

Coker Tire Co., of Chattanooga, Tenn., will be involved in the production of a movie honoring the 100th anniversary of the 500-mile race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

As part of the project, the maker of vintage tires will build 40 replicas of cars that raced in the first 500-mile race in 1911. In addition, a replica of the speedway as it looked in 1911 will be constructed. Casey Coker, who runs the Coker Cycle Co. division of the tire company, said that the re-creation of the famed "Brickyard" would be built within 100 miles of the real track.

Corky Coker, president of Coker Tire Co., announced the project to the press at the 2009 SEMA Show in Las Vegas. Coker is also a founding member and former chairman of SEMA's Automobile Restoration Market Organization (ARMO).

Replicas of the Marmon Wasp that won the first 500-mile race and a Lozier that was involved in a controversial finish in 1911 will be among the first of the 40 cars that are going to be constructed. Coker also mentioned Hudson, Nash and other early racing cars. The cars will be exacting replicas of the cars that competed in the original 500, but they will have modern engines.

Casey Coker said that the original Marmon Wasp that Ray Harroun drove to victory was brought to Coker Tire Co. headquarters in Chattanooga, where it was displayed for a while and used for reference to make the first of the 40 historically accurate replicas. Coker brought the completed but unpainted Marmon Wasp replica to the SEMA Show.

"Dad had a real Lozier in his collection," Casey said, "so we already had a model for the Lozier built."

The movie will be a large-scale, professional production with actors dressed in leather helmets, goggles and other early racing garb. Other than the press announcement at the SEMA Show, Coker Tire Co. plans to wait until 2010 to release official details about the Indy 500 movie.

Old Cars Weekly asked Casey Coker what would happen to the cars after the completion of filming. "I think that we'll probably keep a couple of them," she said. "And we'll probably sell off the rest of them, possibly in an auction."



This replica of the 1911 Marmon Wasp that Ray Harroun drove to victory in the first Indy 500 was displayed at the 2009 SEMA Show in Las Vegas.



The actual 1911 Marmon Wasp housed in the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum.

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