



The MacBrides evoked romantic memories (Photographed by Allen Einstein)

## Area car club members recall days of splendor

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It was an era of careless wealth, lawn parties and beautiful people. Champagne flowed like water at pastel gatherings and fancy cars carried the elite from gala to gala. It was an era of sophisticated good times, fondly remembered, faintly understood.

But on Sunday that era of Gatsby, wealth and splendor was revived when the Michigan Branch of the Classic Car Club (CCC) held a 1920's outing at the Addison Oaks Country Club in Romeo.

There weeping willows draped the entry to greet the Bentleys, Cadillacs and Pierce-Arrows so popular in by-gone days.

Complementing the mint condition of the classic cars were their occupants dressed in the carefree beauty of the Gatsby era.

**THE MICHIGAN** Branch of the CCC is more than 300 strong with members from all parts of the state. Every month they gather for some type of event, but Sunday's Gatsby outing was the first this year to encourage a match between cars and clothing.

Mrs. Edward Anderson of Southfield, organizer of the nostalgia-filled event said, "We decided that because the Gatsby theme was so important this year to make this a Gatsby outing, with Gatsby clothing," she said. "And

this (Addison Oaks) is the perfect place for it."

After the long drive out to the club, people relaxed with frothy drinks and games of croquet. Men gathered outside to discuss their latest renovation on a classic car.

Classic cars are not just old cars. They are the best in the line from 1925-1945 and are considered better than any car in today's market.

They were built in a time when car bodies were ordered separately from car chassis, when colors were hand-picked and not dictated, when upholstery was real leather and dashboards were real wood.

**LOOKING DOWN** the line of shiny autos in light blues, mellow yellows and burgundies, Edward Anderson, owner of a 1932 Cadillac with a Fleetwood body and V-12 engine, explained that some cars are worth more than \$25,000.

He said that most owners do their own restoration work on the cars as part of the fun.

The restoration determines the car's value. Owners make every attempt to keep the car in its original condition. The closer to the original the more points it receives in competition.

Jim Robbins of Dearborn said, "One year we had a brand-new late model car with no miles on it and

it didn't get half the points as one of the restored cars."

**SOME MEMBERS**, such as Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nagler of Birmingham, own as many as seven cars. Of course that may pose a problem. As one classic car owner said, "I'm always looking for a four bedroom house with a ten car garage."

Others, like Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Joynt of Birmingham maintain smaller collections. The Joynts own a 1932 Lincoln, a 1932 Packard, a 1937 Bentley Rolis-Royce and a 1956 Talbot-Lago.

"Our son was the one who got us interested in it," said Mrs. Joynt. "We were never interested until 1956. But we really love it. The people in the club are so wonderful and we have a really good time."

Classic cars aren't easily found. Once found they are quickly snatched up, no matter where they are located. Mrs. Joynt said they bought their Bentley in England and had it shipped over.

Sometimes a tip leads to a classic car. One man bought his Pierce-Arrow from a used car lot when it was traded in for a Mustang.

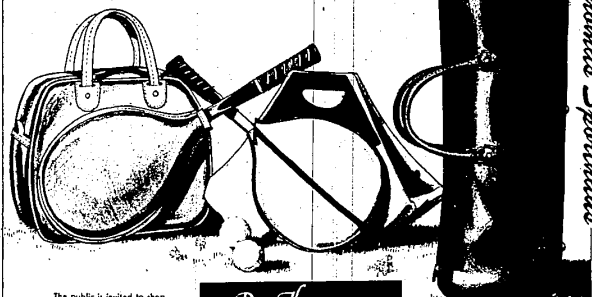


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