

Grant, An Early Automobile Company

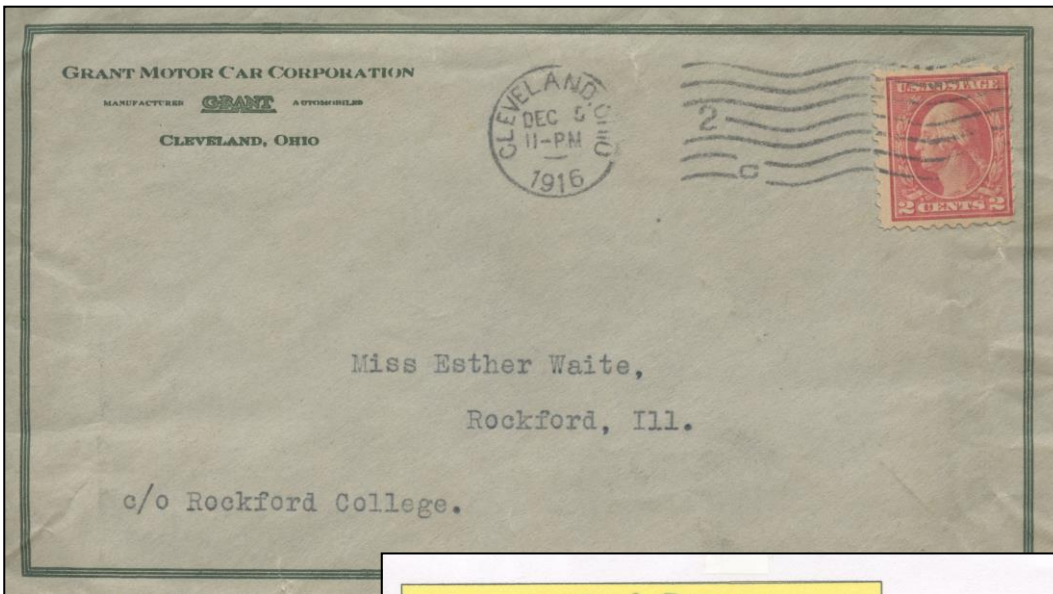
by Bill Johnston

Thousands of different automobile companies were created and organized in the United States in the last century. Today, only a handful of American automobile companies exist. This is a comment on one of those earlier companies, The Grant Motor Company.

The company was established in Detroit, Michigan in 1913. Of the many automobile companies being organized, the Grant company appeared poised for success. The founders, George D. Grant and Charles A. Grant, moved the company to Findlay, Ohio, and in 1916 the company was moved to Cleveland, Ohio.

The company first produced a sports car that was in the tradition of the future MGs. The car was called “a honey” and “a natty little two – seater roadster.” It was a miniature car of good quality. Later, the company produced larger touring cars.

Car production was small by today’s standard. In 1917 production reached 12,000. In 1919, there were 21,000 orders. Unfortunately, those orders did not translate to sales. The United States was in a post- World War One recession. The company tried to retrench, but by the fall of 1922 the company was in receivership. Receivership was the fate of many car companies during the recession.



The first cover illustrated is a 1916 contemporary company envelope.

The second cover is a philatelic souvenir of 2014 celebrating the Grant Motor Company for FINPEX in Findlay, Ohio.



CFSC Procedures and Awards

by The Editor

Many of our more recent members are unaware of how things happen behind the scenes, so it is time for a refreshing course – for everyone to read.

GLUE Awards

Does anyone want a little GLUE? The club acknowledges those individuals who selflessly give of themselves for the betterment of the whole. The GLUE awards recognize 10 individuals with prizes and profound thanks. How does one accumulate GLUE points? Through acts of support, staffing the greeting table, helping with the auction, writing for the newsletter, and providing support for the annual Spring Picnic are some of the ways. Points for Glue totals are accumulated all year long. Get involved and you will be start to accumulate GLUE points. Oh, by the way – the GLUE Master is anonymous to everyone except the Editor & President.



Service Award

At the second meeting of January every year – which is the required Business Meeting, ballots are marked to determine who is deserving of the previous year's recognition for service to the club. The ballot has a minimum of two names and a maximum of three to select from. Each name includes a short write up as to the person's achievements.

Presentation and Article Award

Also at the second meeting of January of every year, balloting is done for the best presentation at a club meeting and the best article (or series) that has appeared in *The Philatelic Missive* during the previous year. This is a simple and easy way to acknowledge those that give of their time and expertise to enlighten the membership. Keep in mind that an article you might read in 5 minutes or a 45 minute presentation takes many hours to research and prepare.

Election Methods

Every even-number year is considered an election year to select the next group to make up the Board of Directors of the CFSC. The term of service is for two years. For the last 4 or 5 election cycles we have had more people on the ballot than the 9 slots available on the BoD. A contested election is a good thing and shows the depth of interest that club members hold. After the ballots are collected and counted, the top nine folks are announced to the membership by the Election Supervisor (Josh Furman). Then those nine folks go off into a private space to select the President, Vice President of Operations, Vice President of Programs, Treasurer,

Secretary while the remaining four fill At-Large positions. As soon as this process is completed the results are announced by the Election Supervisor to the membership and the transfer of authority occurs.

Normally the BoD meets on the fifth Thursday of the month – this results in 3 or 4 BoD meetings a year that Board member are expected to attend and participate.

The continuity of operations of the CFSC depends on the guidance from the BoD. This is considered a working board of governance. We encourage one and all to run for the BoD, just be aware you are expected to participate fully.



If you have any questions -- please contact the President for further information.