

2017 BCA Nationals in Brookfield, Wisconsin

By Chet Palumbo and Bill Landers

Buick Club of America 2017 National Meet

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Well folks, there was a small showing from the Gateway Chapter, but the few of us that were there had a great time. Sorry you missed it.



From left to right: Richard and Vera Self, Chet and Jeanne Palumbo, Bill and Ginny Landers, Mark and Sheree Kistner, Adam and Atena Martin, not pictured Jerry Wilson.

Notes from the 2017 Heartland Regional Meeting, Saturday, July 8, 2017

Kris Syrdal, co-chair of the 2017 National Show, provided some stats from the meet:

- 467 registrations, 14 of which were non BCA members

- 46 vendors, using 101 spaces including 22 indoors, and 25 cars in the car corral
- 306 registered cars: 131 for 400-point judging, 61 for display, 54 archival, 19 modified, 41 driven
- 857 total people registered
- The show received a grant of \$10K from the city and state tourism accounts, helping them to show a profit

The 2018 National will be in Denver, CO, June 19-23. (Registration fees, tour prices, and hotel are significantly higher than this year at Brookfield)

The 2019 National will be in Oklahoma City, OK

The 2018 Heartland Regional will be sponsored by the Hawkeye chapter in Cedar Rapids, IA, July 19-21. There will be no bus tours, but they will have 2 driving tours—one Thursday and another Friday, about 5 hours each with a lunch stop. There will be 400-point judging on Saturday. The host hotel is the Marriott at \$99 per night and there are other hotels in the area. They will not have T-shirts, and the awards banquet will be \$42 per person.

The 2019 Regional will be sponsored by the Fireball chapter (Minneapolis/St. Paul)

We are due to sponsor the 2020 Regional and the Region would like a commitment soon so they can continue planning for upcoming years. We need to have a serious discussion and decide if we are willing and able to take this on. If we decide to do this, we will need to find a way to bring the trailer with all the signs etc. from Minneapolis/St. Paul to St. Louis.

Rock Valley (northern IL and south western WI) will sponsor the 2021 and Chicagoland will do the 2022.

The region has a new chapter, the “Chiwaukee Border”, which primarily draws from north eastern IL and south eastern WI. They are part of the region but will not participate financially for now. These 40-some folks previously had to go to Milwaukee or Chicago.

The new Regional Director is John McCarthy, a very interesting guy. He teaches automotive technology at a Junior College in Sioux Falls, SD and is a member of both the Hawkeye and Fireball chapters.

Workers/Judges from the Gateway Region included; Bill Landers, Chet Palumbo, Richard Self and Jerry Wilson.

Modified News: It was announced earlier this year that the Modified Division had been dissolved, but there would still be a Modified class at BCA events. The Modified Division was re-established at the National Meet and will be headed by Bob Starszyk. This will be an informal division, with no membership dues and no newsletter.



Bill and Ginny Lander's

1990 Reatta

received a Senior Preservation Award



Richard and Vera Self

1957 Buick Special



Adam and Atena Martin

1970 Buick GS



Mark and Sheree Kistner

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