

Monica Ledwon

This month's "Member Spotlight" focuses on Monica Ledwon. Monica currently owns a 1985 Buick Regal, which has been in her family since it was new.

When asked which was her all time favorite car, she said it would have to be a 1950 Buick 41 D Special. It was her parent's car she grew up with and rode around in as a little girl. As an only child her father took her under his wing and taught her all about old cars. He taught her how to recognize old cars from a distance by their taillights and front grills. This 1950 stayed in the family for 54 years. Monica, with the help of others, restored this old Buick, but sold it not too long ago.

Monica joined the Gateway Chapter and BCA in 1981 and held the office of Newsletter Editor in the mid 80's. This was back in the time when Jeff Watkins and some of the other old timers were active.

Monica's hobby is collecting Pug dogs. She currently has two but at times as many as three. Her other hobby is just hanging out with her Buick family in the Gateway Chapter.

Monica is a public librarian for the St. Louis County Library. She has worked for St. Louis County Library for 31 years at the Thorn Hill Branch. She has a BA in English from UMSL.

When asked when she first became interested in old cars she tells this story. When she was 6 years old, her uncle

who lived next door, bought a 1931 Ford Model A. It seemed the entire family became interested in restoring and keeping the old car running. She has never lost that interest.

Monica was married previously, but is single now, which allows her to spend lots of her free time around the old cars.

It is refreshing to have a lady as a primary member of our club; seems like our car clubs are mostly "good old boys clubs". Thanks, Monica, for being a long time faithful and active member of the Gateway Chapter.

