



# Gateway Gazette



1968 Buick Electra 225 owned by Steve Dodson

## Monthly Newsletter of the St Louis Chapter Buick Club of America

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### Director's Letter



Hi All ... I hope everyone is having a great summer so far.

I am always frank and honest...and this month's director's letter is an urgent call for our club to step up and help. Guys and gals... we are in desperate need to sell our trophy classes for the Shriners Benefit Car Show. We are less than 3 months away and have sold only **15 of our 32 classes**. Richard Self has volunteered to revisit last

year's contacts made by Doug Stahl, and Mark Kistner is following up on some leads. If we cannot sell these classes, we will not be able to pay for trophies this year. We really need everyone to step up to make this come together.

Doug Stahl went to businesses that he frequented regularly... is there a business you visit that may want to contribute? Are your co-workers generous? Maybe have people poll \$5.00 each together to sponsor a class. If everyone just asks a few businesses... we will be able to make this come together in time for the show.

I have sold three classes and have been busy working on attendance prizes and raffle baskets. On my annual car trip I received verbal confirmation from Mothers and Laid Back for items again this year. I will also be visiting FastLane Cars and EPC Computers next week. September will be here before we know it.

Putting on a car show takes a lot of time and effort... but we do it for the children of Shriners Hospital. We visited the hospital; we saw exactly how our efforts help children from all over the country. We have a direct impact on those kids and their families. That's amazing! Let's make this happen for the kids. If we can't accomplish this goal, the future of the show is in jeopardy.

Emails have been sent out since April with the Shriners Letter and marketing flyer. If you need anything from me to help with a sale... call me, text me, email me... I will make sure you get whatever you need. I will have trophies and hard copies of flyers and letters at the upcoming July Love Park meeting. Thank you for your efforts.

For those going to the BCA Regional/National meet in Brookfield...I hope you have safe travels and thank you for representing our chapter. Have a great time and please take some pictures for Ted to use in the newsletter.

Our July meeting will be the annual Love Park BBQ on July 16<sup>th</sup>. This is always a great time. It is a rain or shine event, as we have a covered pavilion. The club will provide the meat, and members should bring a side dish and drink of your choice. Folding chairs and lawn games are always welcome. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone.

And don't forget about the annual Memories on Main Car show on August 6<sup>th</sup>. This is put on by the Archway Oldsmobile club. They are such a huge help for our Shriners Car Show... so let's return the favor and have a huge turnout of volunteers for them. We will be helping with judging, please arrive by 9:30 am. Lunch and dinner will be provided thanks to the Archway Oldsmobile Club. The August meeting will be the following Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at Sports Café.

Thanks again everyone for making our club more than just a club. See you all at the July BBQ!

Kristina

# Meeting Minutes

## Meeting Minutes, June 5th, 2017

- The meeting was held at the Sport's Café, in Bridgeton, MO, and was facilitated by Kristina Richards, Director.
- Kristina opened the meeting with **The Pledge of Allegiance** of the United States and welcomed everyone who attended.
- The May Meeting Minutes were approved as printed in the Gazette. Motion made by Dave Smith, second by Monica Ledwon, approved by all.
- 20 members and guests were in attendance.

## Member News:

- Doug Bremer is doing better and is now receiving shots in his shoulder.
- Carl Ballinger is recovering from pneumonia and is also doing better...
- Bill and Ginny Landers are traveling, and are currently on a bus trip across Canada

## Treasurer's Report: (Pete Nathan)

- Shriners: **\$1,773.29**
- Club Account: **\$2,143.57**
- Motion made by Jim Hall to accept the Treasurer's Report, second by Angie Midkiff, approved by all.

## BCA Club News:

- **National News:** (Kristina)
  - **2017 National Meet, Brookfield, WI, July 5-8, 2017**
  - This will be a combined Regional/National event
  - Ted Becker sent an email to all club members a few weeks ago with all of the information.
- **Regional News:** (no report)
- **Performance Division:** (no report)
- **Modified News:** (no report)

## Old Business: (Kristina Richards)

### Recap of events:

- May 20th – Laura Buick, Collinsville, IL - Cancelled due to rain
- Fast Lane Car Show was a good event, Pete and Kristina handed out fliers.

## 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – St. Louis Gateway Chapter, BCA (no updates)

- *It was decided that we would begin planning a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration for 2018. The annual Love Park picnic was considered as a venue for the event, with plans to invite past and present members.*
- We will focus more on this after the Shriners car show

## New Business:

### Shriners Hospital Car Show – 2017

- 4,000 copies of the new 2017 Flyer provided by Office Depot for \$120.00, the cost of the paper
- 500 copies of the flier were also provided at no charge from Trio Graphics
- Raffle Baskets: we received a "Summit Racing" Basket from Adam Martin, Kristina said raffle baskets are done.
- Trophy Sales:
  - We need volunteers to go after sales from past years, Doug Stahl sold a lot of trophies to businesses in the Arnold area and is not available to cover these this year.
  - 11 of the 32 classes have been either reserved or paid for.
  - Please let Chet Palumbo know as soon as you sell a class so he can update the list.
- Food for volunteers, still not decided... Smoky Noble's BBQ will still be available for participants.
- Chet is working on a presentation for a new venue for 2018.

**2017 Club Dues:** Dues for 2017 are past due. Ted Becker will send out a post card reminder to all members who have not paid their 2017 dues requesting payment to be mailed to Pete Nathan.

**Gateway Gazette:** Ted Becker reported that he submitted The Gazette to Old Cars Weekly for consideration of the Golden Quill Award and received an Honorable Mention.

**Website Status** – (New name: St. Louis Buick Club)

- Still under construction

**Events Coordinator:** Still open

## Upcoming Events: (Club Events)

- June 10<sup>th</sup> - Kirkwood Cars and Guitars
- **June 11<sup>th</sup> – Laura Buick / Anderson Farm Picnic**
  - This event replaces the Laura Buick car show and we will be joining the Thunderbird club at Jack and Laura Anderson's farm.
  - To caravan; meet at 777 New Ballas at Hwy 40. Meeting at 10:00, Leaving at 10:15
- June 17<sup>th</sup> – Hazelwood Baptist Church, for cars 30 plus years and older
- June 18<sup>th</sup> – Father's Day Show, Museum of Transportation
- **June 18<sup>th</sup> deadline for Lotawata Creek RSVP**
- **June 25 – Car Cruise & Lunch to Lotawata Creek Grill**
  - We will meet at 777 North Ballas Road at 10:15, leaving promptly at 10:30 to cruise together to Lotawata Creek for lunch at 11:00 am
  - Address: Lotawata Creek: 311 Salem Pl, Fairview Heights, IL 62208
- **July 5-8<sup>th</sup> – National Reginal Event – Brookfield, WI**
- **July 16 – Club BBQ & Monthly Meeting at Love Park (Muffin Pavilion)**
  - Starts at 11:00 a.m., Club will provide meat
  - Members should bring a side dish or dessert, drinks & chairs
  - Yard games are welcome and there is a park close by for youngsters
  - Address: 2248 Mason Lane, Ballwin, MO 63021
- **August 5<sup>th</sup> – Memories on Main,**
  - Arrive at 9:30 for Judging
  - Meet at the Masonic Hall at the bottom of the hill
  - Lunch provided at the hall, with dinner available at Stephanina's

**50/50 Drawing:** (none)

**Next Meeting:** **July 16<sup>th</sup>, Love Park – Ballwin, MO**

- Address: 2248 Mason Lane, Ballwin, MO 63021
- Starts at 11:00 a.m.

**Special Note:** meeting ended with singing Happy Birthday to Angie Midkiff.





# Shriner's Car Show

Gateway Buick Club of America Presents

 **Shriners Hospitals for Children™**

**Shriners Benefit Car Show**

CAR REGISTRATION: \$15 SHOW / \$20 JUDGE  
ALL CARS RECEIVE GOODIE BAG !!



**ALL MAKES & MODELS OF CARS WELCOME !**

- Attendance Prizes
- 50/50 & Silent Raffle Items
- DASH PLAQUES !
- BBQ Cook-Off
- Judged Show - Trophies

**NEW EXPANDED CLASSES**

**SUNDAY SEPT. 17 2017**  
9 a.m. — 4 p.m.  
Rain Date Sept 24th

**MOOLAH SHRINE CENTER**  
12545 Fee Fee Road, 63146

*All Proceeds Benefit Shriners Hospital for Children*

**Driving Our Cars, So Children Can Walk**

Gateway Buick Club of America Presents

**SEPT. 17, 2017**  
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 **Shriners Hospitals for Children™**

**Shriners Benefit Car Show**

Help us raise money for a GREAT CAUSE !!  
All Proceeds Benefit Shriners Hospital for Children



**Lets help kids — Together !**

**You could have your name or business on these classy trophies !**

**GREAT WAY TO ADVERTISE !**  
TAX WRITE-OFF !  
SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY !

**PRICING:**

- Vendor Display Area \$100
- Trophies for one class \$100
- Trophy Class & Display area \$175

*Give us your flyer & it will go in all the goodie bags*

**Driving Our Cars, So Children Can Walk**

The annual Shriner's car show is coming up in September. There are a lot of details to be completed to make this the success it has been for these last 3 years. Among the more important details is the selling of trophy class sponsorships. Let's all get out there and get this important job completed. Chet Palumbo provided the following note regarding those trophy class sales.

*PLEASE HELP...!!!*

*We only have a third of our trophy sales completed for our September car show.*

*Attached are two files:*

1. *Shriners 2017 Trophy Sales*
  - a. *Classes that have been reserved and sold to date.*
  - b. *Please review this list and make sure all of the information pertaining to your sales are correct.*
2. *Shriners 2017 Trophy Sales Leads*
  - a. *List of classes/trophies sold last year not signed up yet for this year.*
  - b. *If you could revisit any sales you made last year that would be great.*
  - c. *Also, Doug Stahl has done a great job in the past selling classes for us but is not available to do so this year. If you could cover any of these – please do so.*

*Thank You...!!!*

**Sponsorship is \$100 per class and checks made out to Gateway Buick Club**  
**Send checks to: Pete Nathan**  
**#1 Huntleigh Trails Lane**  
**St. Louis, Mo 63131**

**Sales as of June 29, 2017**

Class	2017 Classes	Sold By:	Paid	Phone Number	Sponsor Address	Wording for Trophy
1	Stock 1900 - 1954					
2	<b>Stock 1955 - 1964</b>	Mark Kistner	<b>PAID</b>			Local 360 Plumbers and Gas Fitters Union
3	Stock 1965 - 1972					
4	<b>Stock 1973 - 2006</b>					
5	<b>Stock 2007 - Present</b>					
6	<b>Street Rods - Steel 1948 &amp; Older</b>	Kristina	Reserved		<b>Greg's Auto Service and Repair</b> 11264 Midland Blvd St. Louis, 63114	<b>Greg's Auto Service and Repair</b>
7	<b>Street Rods - Fiberglass 1948 &amp; Older</b>					
8	<b>Custom 1949 - 1972</b>	Mark Kistner	<b>PAID</b>	618-281-8646	HYTEC Auto Trim 211 West Kunz Columbia, IL 62236	HYTEC Auto Trim Columbia, IL
9	Custom Cars 1973 - Present					
10	<b>Mopar 1965 - 1972</b>	Ted Becker	<b>PAID</b>			Behlmann Chrysler/Jeep/Ram Troy, MO
11	<b>Mopar 2006 - Present</b>	John and Kitty Lasinski	Reserved			First Class MoPar Club
12	<b>Buick / Olds / Pontiac 1965 - 1972</b>	Ted Becker	<b>PAID</b>			Behlmann Buick GMC Troy, MO
13	Mustangs 1964 - 1973					
14	Mustangs 1974 - 1993					
15	Mustangs 1994 - 2004					
16	Mustangs 2005 - Present					
17	<b>Corvettes 1953 - 1982</b>	Bob Schurwan	<b>PAID</b>		Rockwood Charcoal 101 Thresher Dr #525 Eureka, MO 63025	The Saint Louis Charcoal Co.
18	Corvettes 1984 - Present					
19	<b>Camaro / Firebird 1967 - 1981</b>	Mark Kistner	Reserved	618-539-6888 618-768-4267	Freeburg Auto Body & RV Repair 707 N. State Street Freeburg, IL 62243	Freeburg Auto Body Freeburg, IL Kesler Auto Body St. Libory, IL
20	Camaro / Firebird 1982 - 2002					
21	Camaro 2010 - Present					

22	All Foreign	Mark Kistner	Reserved	618-476-6166	J. R.'s German Tech Center 1053 S Jefferson St Millstadt, IL 62260-2053	J. R.'s German Tech Center Millstadt, IL
23	Rat Rods	Ted Becker	PAID	636-272-7774	Mudd Auto Body 831 West Terra Lane O'Fallon, MO 63366	Mudd Auto Body O'Fallon, MO
24	Stock Trucks 1900 - 1972	Mark Kistner	Reserved	618-233-2876	Camper Exchange Inc. 1401 S Illinois St Belleville IL, 62220	Camper Exchange Inc. Belleville IL
25	Stock Trucks 1973 - 2006	Mark Kistner	Reserved	618-939-8282	Waterloo Animal Hospital 506 W. Park Waterloo IL 62298	Waterloo Animal Hospital Waterloo IL
26	Stock Trucks 2007 - Present					
27	Custom Trucks 1900 - 1972					
28	Custom Trucks 1973 - Present					
29	Special Interest					
30	All Motorcycles	Steve Dodson	PAID		Moolah Temple	Moolah Motor Patrol
31	Best of Show	Adam Martin	PAID	314-713-1262	Adam Martin 1212 Cloverbrook St. Charles, MO 63304	Antique Automotive Service
32	Shriners Choice	Steve Dodson	PAID		Moolah Temple	Potentate's Choice

## Sales and Leads from 2016 Show

Class	Description	Sponsor/Address	Contact Name	Phone Number	Sold By:	Paid... ?	Wording for Trophy
1	Stock 1900 - 1954	Old Style Body Co. 11808 Dorsett Rd. Maryland Heights, MO 63043	John Cournoyer	314-739-3800	Doug Stahl	Paid	Old Style Body Shop Maryland Heights, MO
3	Stock 1965 - 1972	Hemispheres Amusements 215 Industrial Dr, Unit A Hampshire, IL. 60140	Kurt Hill	630-792-8910	Kristina Richards	Paid	Hemispheres Amusements Hampshire, IL
4	Stock 1973 - 2006	Buicks N Beauties	Tim Barthel		Kristina Richards	Paid	Buicks N Beauties
5	Stock 2007 - Present	CARSTAR-Arnold 2007 Sierra Parkway Arnold, MO 63010-5107	Heath Harris	636-464-6080	Doug Stahl	Paid	CARSTAR-Arnold Arnold, MO
6	Street Rods - Steel 1948 & Older	Advantage Appraisal Associates	Jeff Duecker		Jeff Duecker	Paid	Advantage Appraisal Associates
13	Mustangs 1964 - 1973	Dobbs Tire and Auto 12626 Dorsett Rd, Maryland Heights, Mo 63043	Tony Bindbeutel	314-576-1500	Doug Stahl	Paid	Dobbs Tire and Auto Maryland Heights, Mo
14	Mustangs 1974 - 1993	Trio Graphics Printing, Inc. 3620 Jeffco Blvd. Arnold, MO 63010	Bob Metcalf	636-464-2299	Doug Stahl	Paid	Trio Graphics Printing, Inc. Arnold, MO

15	Mustangs 1994 - 2004	Mid-America Restorations 3201 Pipkin Drive Farmington, MO	Mike Haldarman Ron LaPlant		Richard Self	Paid	Mid-America Restorations Farmington, MO
16	Mustangs 2005 - Present	Hemann Automotive 3205 Jeffco Blvd Arnold, MO 63010	Steve Hemann	636-464-7474	Doug Stahl	Paid	Hemann Automotive Arnold, MO
17	Corvettes 1953 – 1982 <b>SOLD</b>	Grand Slam Sports Bar and Grill 519 Mae Ct., Fenton, MO 63026	Ed Pupillo	636-343-0900	Doug Stahl	Paid	Grand Slam Sports Bar and Grill Fenton, MO
18	Corvettes 1984 - Present	ELCO Chevrolet Ballwin, MO			John Midkiff	Paid	ELCO Chevrolet Cadillac Ballwin, MO
20	Camaro / Firebird 1982 - 2002	Ankle and Foot Institute, P.C. St. Clare Hospital-Medical Office Building 1011 Bowles Avenue, Suite 123 Fenton, MO 63026	Dr. Richard F. Wittcock.	636-717-1100	Doug Stahl	Paid	Ankle and Foot Institute, P.C. Fenton, MO
21	Camaro 2010 - Present	ELCO Chevrolet Ballwin, MO			John Midkiff	Paid	ELCO Chevrolet Cadillac Ballwin, MO
22	All Foreign	Fortune Bank 3494 Jeffco Boulevard Arnold, MO 63010	Becki Jackson	636-464-9003	Doug Stahl	Paid	Fortune Bank Arnold, MO
24	Stock Trucks 1900 – 1972 <b>updated</b>	Wakefield Consultation Services Columbia, Missouri	Mark Wakefield	573-234-2346	Mark Wakefield	Paid	Wakefield Consultation Services Columbia, Missouri
25	Trucks 1973 – 2006 <b>updated</b>	Manns Restoration & Maintenance 5 North 6th Street Festus, Missouri 63028		636-933-7008	Richard Self	Paid	Manns Restoration & Maintenance Festus, Missouri
27	Trucks 2007 – Present <b>updated</b>	Kistner and Associates Real Estate	Mike Kistner	636-288-4846	Mark Kistner	Paid	Kistner & Associates Your Advantage in Real Estate
29	Special Interest	Lumeris Essence Healthcare			Sam Palazzolo	Paid	Lumeris Essence Healthcare





# ***The Bill Bicknell Restoration Shop***

## **Those Wonderful Straight-8 Buicks**

In this article I have tried to document some of the differences in the Buick Straight-8 engines. If any members can add or make corrections to the material provided, I would be pleased to update the information. Most Buick folks know that Buick made a "Small Series" and a "Big Series" Straight-8 engine. However, there were actually 12 different versions of the engine plus many product improvements along the way from its introductory year of 1931 through 1953. Interchangeability is very good throughout the years, especially from 1936 thru 1952 for the large series and 1937 thru 1953 for the small series, but still there are some exceptions. Below is a list of milestones and a spreadsheet that shows many of the differences in these engines. The one common thread: They all sound great and run smooth.

### **BUICK STRAIGHT-8 MILESTONES:**

1931- First Straight-8

1934 - Changed generator drive from timing chain to belt drive.

1939 - (1) Changed starter switch from manifold to carburetor; (2) Changed Choke from separate manifold device with linkage to integral with carburetor.

1940 - (1) Oil pump capacity increased 25; (2) Changed spark plug cover from "rounded" type to "squared off" type.

1941-42 Dual carburetion (Specials came standard with one carburetor and had the dual carburetors as an option; on all others they were standard).

1942 - Timing cover oil seal changed from "rope seal" to neoprene seal. (This is a good upgrade when rebuilding older engines.)

1947 - Oil supply to distributor gear was changed from external tubing to internal block passage (both series).

1948 - (1) Changed front motor mounts from bottom of timing cover plate to separate "l-shaped" brackets bolted to side of block with four bolts. (2) Throttle linkage changed to "vertical shaft" arrangement.

1949 - (1) Mid-year change from Babbitt to insert bearings in connecting rods; (2) Hydraulic valve lifters introduced on engines with Dynaflo transmissions.

1950 - (1) New block and head design with lower overall engine height (block itself is 5/8" shorter than 1949 and earlier blocks). An easy way to tell is to look at the water pump, it discharges through a 90- degree cast elbow into the block instead of out the rear of the pump into the block; (2) all main bearings now the same diameter (previous engines had five different diameter main bearings); (3) first year for the 263 series engines; intake manifold changed to 4-bolt carburetor mount on 263 series engines.

1952 - Big series engines: (1) last year of 320 cu. In. engine; (2) center exhaust manifold casting changed to 1-piece with heat riser housing;; (3) first year for 4-barrel carburetor - same carburetor as used on the '53 V-So

**How to tell if an engine is the "Small series" or the "Large series":**

1. Serial number is located on a machined boss below the push rod cover. On the small series (later engines only) this is in front of the distributor and on the big series it is back further by the dip stick.
2. Exhaust manifolds: Small series is 1-piece; Big series is 3-piece (does not include the separate cast heat riser section that connects the intake manifold to the exhaust manifold).

**TIDBITS:**

1. Flxible Buses used Buick chassis beginning in the 1920's up into the 1960's. Flxible used the big series Buick Straight-S engines from about 1940 to 1952. These engines were equipped with insert rod bearings before the car production changed in 1949.
2. If you want insert bearings in your older Buick engines that have Babbitt bearings, you can use the newer connecting rods in the older engines back to 1936 for the 320 series engines and back to 1937 for the 248 series engines. Note: The 263 series engine rods from 1950-53 do NOT fit the 248 series engines.

*Bill Bicknell*

*3/16/09*

# BUICK STRAIGHT-8 ENGINE DATA

	A	B	C	D	E
1	YEAR	BORE	STROKE	DISPLACEMENT	COMMENT
2	1931	27/8	41/4	220	50 Series
3	1931-33	3 1/16	45/8	272	60 Series
4	1931-35	3 5/16	5	344	80 & 90 Series
5	1932-33	2 15/16	4 1/4	230	50 Series
6	1934-35	3 3/32	3 7/8	233	40 Series
7	1934-35	2 31/32	4 1/4	235	50 Series
8	1934-35	3 3/32	4 5/8	278	60 Series
9	1936	3 3/32	37/8	233	40 Series
10	1936-1952	3 7/16	4 5/16	320	60, 70, 80, & 90 Series
11	1937-1950	3 3/32	41/8	248	40 & 50 Series (except 1950 below)
12	1950	3 3/16	41/8	263	50 Series only
13	1951-1953	3 3/16	41/8	263	40 & 50 Series

## ***Buick Used Car Lot***

### **For Sale – 1985 Riviera**

Dave Smith is downsizing his collection of cars and would very much like to sell this really nice 1985 Riviera. The car is maroon with a maroon vinyl top and matching maroon velour interior. Car is fully loaded, including a sunroof. Powering the car is a four-barrel carbureted Oldsmobile 307 V-8 and rated at 140 horsepower and 240 pound-feet of torque. Dave is only the second owner of the car and has only 51,000 miles. Car needs nothing and has a new batteries and set of tires. This is a very nice car that can be used for just about anything you would want to use it for (well maybe not a quarter mile at a time). Doubt that any '85 Riv is any nicer than this one. Price has been reduced to \$6000 for club members only. Contact: Dave Smith 314-895-3416



# ***Additional Buicks on the Used Car Lot***

Note: A note was received from Mrs. Connie Moore in Minnesota requesting help in selling 2 very fine Buicks left to her after the recent passing of her husband. In addition to the 39 Century listed below, she also has a 62 Electra 225 that was previously owned by Pete Philips – editor of the Buick Bugle. Pictures of the car have not yet been received of the Electra, but Pete sent the following note regarding this car:

*The car you got from me is a 1962 Electra 225. In case anyone wants to know, it originally came from Lubbock, Texas which is a very dry climate, and it has less than 30,000 actual miles, even though I had to replace the speedometer and odometer when they broke. It is the nicest, unrestored 1962 Buick that I have ever come across.*

## **For Sale - BUICK 1939 Century trunk back 4 door, dual sidemounts.**

Total restoration, rebuilt engine, winset bearings, hardened valve seats. LaBaron Bonney interior and trunk. Dash and all interior moldings removed and refinished to original. Clock converted to quartz movement. Radio repaired. All new dash controls, refaced instruments. Complete front end overhaul. All four shocks re-built. Re-vulcanized torque ball, casted replaced. Radiator rodged out. Wide pressurized white wall radial tires. Body and all rubber products replaced, and repainted, base, clear coat. \$36,000.00 negotiable. Connie, 952-473-0990; leave message [conniemoore@camoore.net](mailto:conniemoore@camoore.net)





# *Gateway Gazette Centerfold*



**Miss July with her 1940 Buick**

## ***Gazette Giggles of the Month***

"Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road of life is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision."

~Unknown~

SHARED ON I'M NOT RIGHT IN THE HEAD.COM



**Old Himalayan cure  
for constipation**



**MOM IS GOING TO BE SO  
HAPPY WHEN SHE SEES  
THE GAS TANK FULL**



**I'M SORRY TO BOTHER YOU**

**BUT THE BIRD FEEDER IS EMPTY**



# *Jack Anderson Farm Picnic*



Jack Anderson posing with his ultra-rare 1957 Series 1 T'Bird Supercharged F Code

One of only 15 built and the only one of the remaining 8 to be in original and unrestored condition

Jack is the owner of Laura Buick/GMC in Collinsville. Every year, he invites our club to a car show at his dealership. This year, unfortunately, weather caused the cancellation of the event. Jack then invited our club to join his Thunderbird club for an afternoon at his farm and fishing lake.

Representing our club were 11 members along with spouses and guests. We were treated to a catered luncheon under a very large tent. Many cars of varying variety were brought to the event. There were Thunderbirds, a Pantera, a Superformance Cobra, Fords and our beloved Buicks on display. Jack had also invited the Cadillac club and some Mopar cars, but they were unable to make it there.



Show Field with all of the Buicks



Mark and Sherree, Mike and Sandy



Chet, Pete, Rich and Patrick



Dave, Bob and Barb, Mary and Jeanne

(Notice that Dave is entertaining the ladies)

A special Gateway Buick Club thank you goes out to Jack and Laura Anderson for hosting a marvelous afternoon of food, fellowship and cars!! They could not have been more accommodating and gracious in welcoming us to their event. Jack indicated that this might become an annual event. If that is so, you all need to block out your calendar and plan to attend. Details to come later, but this year was the second Sunday of June, which is probably a good guess as to the date for next year. Short of your own funeral, you need to attend! It was wonderful and you will really enjoy it!!

## ***Buicks in Racing***

**By Ted Becker**

I have had a long time love of cars and racing since I was a wee whippersnapper. I loved the St Louis Cardinals with Stan Musial and Rip Repulski and the St Louis Hawks with Bob Pettit and Cliff Hagan. Above all, however, was my idolization of that great NASCAR legend, Glenn “Fireball” Roberts.

Raised in Florida, young Glenn was a very promising baseball pitcher. He used to pitch with such velocity that he earned the lifelong nickname of Fireball. He could drive the wheels off anything and everything that touched a race track. He drove Chevrolets and Fords and Pontiacs and --- Buicks!!!

The evolution of NASCAR was the result of local racetrack owners who were very unscrupulous. They would notoriously promote a race and collect entry fees, admission fees and concession fees yet leave town before the end of the race thus denying the drivers their rightful race winnings. Big Bill France gathered with several other businessmen to organize the association we now know as NASCAR. Early stars in the fledgling organization were: Herb Thomas, Lee Petty, Cotton Owens, Banjo Matthews, Tim Flock, Fonty Flock, Junior Johnson, Curtis Turner and – Fireball Roberts.

NASCAR began with races at local ¼ mile dirt speedways and rapidly gained a strong fan following primarily in the American Southeast. Seeing the success of their new organization, NASCAR decided to up their game



and create longer tracks with a subsequent increase in fan capacity. They started with the first “superspeedway”, a very tough 1 ½ mile paved asphalt track in Darlington, South Carolina now known as the “Lady in Black”. Someone along the way came up with the great idea to run a 2 mile oval race on the sand beach and parallel highway outside Daytona, Florida. It was always a thrilling race that attracted many competitors and lots of paying fans. Sand was flying and cars were wrecking. Cars were rolling over on the sand curves and some ended up in the Atlantic Ocean. It was wonderful!!

Big Bill France then decided to build an additional superspeedway in Daytona that would be closed paved oval, not unlike Darlington. Whereas Darlington was somewhat egg shaped, Daytona was 2 ½ miles long and in a “tri-oval” configuration. It was a great track and became the premier and signature track of NASCAR.

Unlike all other sports which conduct their signature event and championship at the end of the season, NASCAR decided to create the Daytona 500 as their first race of the year. That tradition continues today and is the largest attended and viewed NASCAR race of the season.

The 1959 race was the first held at the new track. In one of the most thrilling finishes every, the ending was a photo finish that was not determined officially until three days later when Lee Petty was declared the winner over the previously announced winner, Johnny Beauchamp. This historical picture shows Lee Petty, driver of the No. 42 Oldsmobile, racing to the line against Johnny Beauchamp, driver of the No. 73 Holman Moody Ford. Also in the picture is the lapped #48 car of Joe Weatherly.



Another momentous occasion came in the 1979 race. CBS took a very big risk by broadcasting it as the first live NASCAR race on national TV. Their gamble paid off when Cale Yarborough and Donnie Allison tangled on the last lap, wrecking each other. Tempers flared when they got out of their cars and got into a real genuine fist fight before the live TV audience. That event, probably more than any other thing in NASCAR’s history, made stock car racing a popular viewing event.

OK, so let’s back off way back to the 1955 Daytona 500 on the sand beach. NASCAR was still in its infancy and trying to gain a foothold as a spectator event. They were also short on money and needed to increase their revenue. Several events occurred to meet their needs. The first was the introduction of the Chrysler 300 cars. They were big and powerful with the new “Hemi” engine. They didn’t handle well, but what car in 1955 did?? Carl Kiekhaefer, of Kiekhaefer Marine fame, decided to field several of the new Chryslers to promote his business. Based on limited experience in the 1954 season, he was sure that his Chryslers would overwhelm any

and all competitors. Though it will never be fully known, there is wide speculation that Big Bill France and Carl Kiekhaefer had a financial agreement to assure success. This is not unlikely since Kiekhaefer had a reputation for being self-centered and difficult to work for or with.

So, who should show up at the race but Fireball Roberts driving the Fish Carburetor sponsored #M1 1955 Buick Century. The Fish Carburetor was quite simple yet revolutionary and performed very well in a racing environment. It performed so well, that Fireball actually won the race over Kiekhaefer's Chrysler driven by Tim Flock. Well, both Big Bill France and Carl Kiekhaefer were both furious and embarrassed. After the race, France instructed the Tech Inspectors to keep looking into the Buick until they could find some area of the car that was "not stock" and therefore illegal. They looked and looked to find such a desired discrepancy. Finally, they ruled that the engine had illegal pushrods. What had happened was that the engine was built with a cylinder head gasket 0.030" thinner than the stock gasket. Though this was a legal and approved by NASCAR, there were also modifications to the pushrods to reduce their length by a similar 0.030" to maintain the correct valve train geometry. Though this offered no competitive advantage or horsepower gain, which was all they needed to disqualify the car and the race win. The deck was stacked and there was no way that NASCAR was ever going to let this small upstart team to beat the mighty Chryslers, so the 1955 Buick with the Fish carburetor was put on the back burner of automotive history.

A sad ending to an encouraging story and who knows where Buick would be today without that event that essentially drummed Buick out of stock car racing. The old adage in the car business is to "Win on Sunday, sell on Monday". There would have been a lot more "sell on Mondays" for Buick had this not happened.





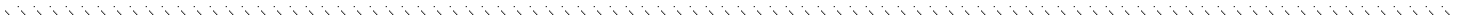
### **Birthdays**

**Ina Bicknell**  
**Aaron Ford**  
**Barry Hollander**  
**Angela Key**  
**Monica Ledwon**  
**Adam Martin**  
**Anna Marie Meyer**  
**Pete Nathan**  
**Sam Palazzolo**  
**Bob Schurwan**  
**Bob Windal**



### **Anniversaries**

**Geoff & Angela Lockett**  
**Avis & Anna Marie Meyer**  
**Matthew & Jenna Smythe**  
**Carl and Sharon Ballinger**





## **GATEWAY CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND PROFILE SHEET**

Membership with Newsletter via Email \$15 ☐

Membership with Newsletter via Mail \$25 ☐

Membership is Renewed in May each year

(BCA Membership required also for club liability insurance)

### ***Family & Personal Information:***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Month: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Wedding: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Email or other information: \_\_\_\_\_

Profession: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Profession: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Buick Club of America Information:***

You are required to be a BCA member. BCA # \_\_\_\_\_

Buicks now owned: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Model & Body Style)

### ***About your other car interests:***

Collector cars now owned, other than Buicks: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of other car clubs: \_\_\_\_\_

Other auto related interests: \_\_\_\_\_  
(automobilia, models, toys, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Annual car events you currently attend: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***About your other interests:***

Hobbies, Collections other than cars: \_\_\_\_\_  
(antiques, gardening, golf, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Please mail your application and / or chapter dues to our treasurer:***

Pete Nathan, # 1 Huntleigh Trails Lane, St. Louis, MO 63131 – Phone: 314-413-2966

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_





# Buick Club of America

## Application for Membership

[www.buickclub.org](http://www.buickclub.org)

The Buick Club of America is a non-profit membership corporation dedicated to the preservation and restoration of those vehicles built by Buick Motor Division of General Motors Corporation. BCA membership (includes spouse and minor children only) offers you the following:

- Monthly issue of *The Buick Bugle* published by the BCA.
- Advertising privilege in *The Buick Bugle* for Buick-related items.
- Participation in all club events and opportunity to join local chapters and divisions.
- Membership card, and as a new member, one BCA decal. (Additional decals can be purchased from San Gabriel Valley Chapter.)

### BCA MEMBERSHIP DUES SCHEDULE

Membership is on an annual basis beginning with the month following receipt of application. Membership is available in increments as follows:

	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years
U.S. Periodical Class Mail .....	\$ 50 .....	\$ 95 .....	\$130
U.S. 1st Class Mail.....	\$ 70 .....	\$105 .....	\$155
Canada & Mexico Periodical .....	\$ 68 .....	\$106 .....	\$155
Canada & Mexico Priority.....	\$ 93 .....	\$154 .....	\$230
International Surface.....	\$ 68 .....	\$106 .....	\$155
International Air .....	\$ 98 .....	\$164 .....	\$245
E-Membership .....	\$ 35 .....	(E-Membership is an online Bugle only; no hard copy — email required)	

### NOTE: Fee Prices Effective February 2016

Without right of transfer or survivorships. Dues are non-refundable.

All foreign countries note: Membership dues and all other financial transactions with the BCA must be a bank draft, drawn on a U.S.A. bank and payable in U.S.A. currency, MasterCard, VISA or Discover charge cards. Make all checks payable to The Buick Club of America. The U.S.A. annual membership is \$50

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Check here if you do not want your phone number printed in the roster.

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Member (not required): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ New or ☐ Renewal: BCA # \_\_\_\_\_

*If you are a renewing member, please include your current mailing label.*

How did you hear about the BCA? \_\_\_\_\_

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Check/Money Order

# \_\_\_\_\_

Visa    Mastercard    Discover

Date Processed: \_\_\_\_\_

Expire Date: \_\_\_\_\_

We occasionally make the membership list available to carefully screened companies whose product or services might interest you. If you would prefer to have your name withheld, place a mark in this box. ☐

### \*Buicks Currently Owned (Buick Ownership is not a pre-requisite for membership in the BCA)

Year	Model Number or Type	Body Style (4 dr./2 dr.)	Vehicle ID Number (VIN Number on Registration)

*\*Please list additional Buicks on back of application.*

☐ Check or Money Order made payable to Buick Club of America. Foreign country applicants must use bank draft, money order drawn on USA bank and payable in USA currency.) OR

☐ Mastercard    ☐ Visa    ☐ Discover **(Check One)**

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Amount

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit card expiration date Month/Year. Must have this information to process.

Print full name on credit card if different than name on application

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

### Return Application to:

**Buick Club of America**

P.O. Box 360775

Columbus, Ohio 43236-0775

### Questions?

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