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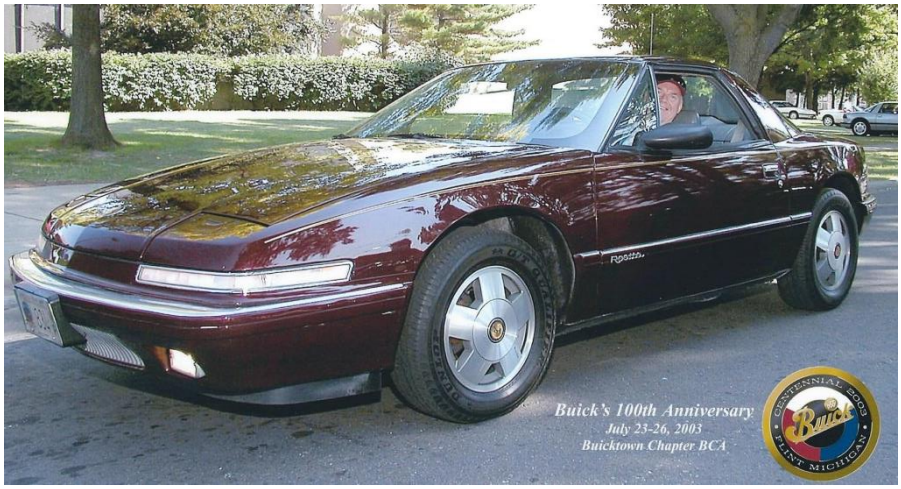

1989 Buick Reatta formerly owned by Ted Becker (Picture taken at 2003 Flint Nationals)

(Hated to sell that car and sure wish I hadn't!!)

Monthly Newsletter of the St Louis Chapter

Buick Club of America

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Director's Letter

Hi Everyone!!

Wow, September is here already! I can't believe it!

A HUGE thank you to everyone who has helped with putting together our annual Shriners Car Show. All of our trophy classes are sold, we have a free DJ, awesome t-shirts and great raffle items!!

We still need volunteers for the day of the event. And some cars to come out for the news broadcast on September 15th at 9am. So, please contact me and let me know if you're able to help. Whether it's a few hours or all day...any amount of your time would be greatly appreciated. The show is September 17th.

I am so very proud that our club comes together for this important cause. The children of Shriners Hospital are the direct beneficiaries of all our hard work...and that's what it's all about.

Aside from the Shriners Show....

***** PLEASE NOTE *** The date I had on the calendar was wrong, this show is September 10th. ******
We will be having our Sno-Cone booth on September 10 th for the Wheels in Motion Car Show at West Port Plaza. We need volunteers to run the booth; this is a great time to get kids and grandkids involved. The proceeds from this show benefit The National Children's Cancer Society.

But wait..... there's more fun to be had ! ! On September 9th we will be having a BBQ at Chet's House. This is a pot-luck style so bring some yummy sides or desserts. This will also be our September meeting.

So, Get ready for a FUN-FILLED September!!

See you all soon,
Kristina

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes, August 7th, 2017

The meeting and Annual Picnic 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 in attendance.
- The July Meeting Minutes were approved as printed in the Gazette. Motion made by Bill Landers, second by Richard Self, approved by all.
- 18 members and guests were in attendance.

Member News:

- A copy of the Gazette with the tribute to John Kemper will be sent to his wife, Terry. *(Captain John Kemper, a fire fighter and friend of the Buick community, passed away from injuries suffered from Fourth of July fires.)*
- Adam and Atena Martin will be moving soon to a new home near Foristell, MO.
- Congratulations to Ted and Mary Becker who are celebrating their one year anniversary.
- Angie Midkiff fell and split her lip.

Treasurer's Report: (Pete Nathan)

- Shriners: **$1,566.79**
- Club Account: **$2,263.38**
- Motion made by Dave Smith to accept the Treasurer's Report, second by Ted Becker, approved by all.

BCA Club News:

- **National News: (No Report)**

- *The 2018 National will be in Denver, CO, June 19-23.*
- *The 2019 National will be in Oklahoma City, OK*

- **Regional News:** (Kristina Richards)
  - *2018 Heartland Regional will be sponsored by the Hawkeye chapter in Cedar Rapids, IA, July 19-21*
  - *2019 Regional will be sponsored by the Fireball chapter (Minneapolis/St. Paul)*
  - We are the sponsor for the 2020 Regional and the Region would like a commitment soon so they can continue planning for upcoming years
    - Discussion followed; questioning if we have enough resources to do a regional event and the Shriners Car Show in the same year. Ed Keil, Bill Landers and Pete Nathan were the key players in organizing the last Regional. Jerry Wilson said the national organization would assist in selecting and setting up a venue/hotel for the event. It was suggested that we call a board meeting to discuss.
- **Performance Division:** (no report)
- **Modified News:** (Kristina Richards)
  - It was announced earlier this year that the Modified Division had been dissolved, but there would still be a Modified class at BCA events.
    - Chet Palumbo added: The Modified Division was re-established at the National Meet and will be headed by Bob Starzyk. This will be an informal division, with no membership dues and no newsletter.

Old Business:

Recap of Past Events:

- Love Park BBQ/Meeting; great event, good weather, food and music
- Memories on Main – Troy, MO;
  - We received an email from Gene Bossaller thanking us for our assisting the Oldsmobile club with judging and registration.
  - Barb Knudsen was also present at the meeting and thanked us again for our help
  - 270 vehicles were entered in the event.

39th Anniversary – St. Louis Gateway Chapter, BCA (no updates)

- *It was decided that we would begin planning a 40th 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:

- Kristina thanked Ted Becker for doing a great job on the Gazette
- Kristina would like to have vendors attend our meetings and provide us with demonstrations.
  - Richard Self said Mann's Restorations has offered us a welcome to visit their shop.
- Dave Smith suggested that everyone should give a "Self-Profile" during the meetings
- Ted Becker distributed an updated Roster to everyone, please review and let him know if you have any changes.

Shriners Hospital Car Show – 2017

- 2017 Flyers are still available – please take some and hand them out.
- Trophy Sales:
  - Kristina thanked everyone who helped sell trophies. All classes are sold out and trophies will be ordered on Tuesday.

- Bill Landers recognized Mark Kistner and Richard Self for their efforts in selling trophies. Between the two of them they sold 19 of 32 classes/awards.
- Raffle items; we still need a donation of a BBQ Grill and Cooler
- We need a closed-in trailer to store and move all of our Shriner Stuff
- A Volunteer list will be coming out soon

Upcoming Events: (Club Events)

- **August 14th – House of Cars RSVP deadline**
- **August 19th – House of Cars, 11:30a.m.**
  - $6.00 for lunch – Subs will be provided
  - Bring drinks and chairs
- September 2nd – Skyview Drive-in
- **September 9th - BBQ and Goodie Bag Stuffing at the Palumbo's**
- September 10th - Wheels In Motion
  - Snow Cone volunteers needed
- **September 17th – Shriners Car Show**
- September 24th – Shriners Car Show (Rain Date)

50/50 Drawing: (none)

Next Meeting: September 9th, Chet and Jeanne's Home
BBQ and Goodie Bag Stuffing

- Address: 3 Callaway Lake Drive, Defiance, MO 63341
  - 636-443-5686 Chet's Cell
  - 636-398-4336 Home
- Lunch at 11:30, it will be over when it is over…???

Upcoming Meeting Announcements

September Meeting

Club picnic at Chet and Jeanne Palumbo's house – see details under upcoming events

October Meeting

Date: Monday, October 2

Location: Sports Café in Bridgeton

Time: Meeting at 7:30, come early for dinner and fellowship

Special Presentation: Howard Hesketh is presenting a technique for increasing the illumination of old car headlights.

Shriner's Car Show

The following chart shows a summary of the money flow for the trophies and how it is offset by the class sales. In summary, the $100 we get from each class sale is used to pay all trophies, thank you acknowledgement and dash plaques with a near zero net. Money that is received from entry fees, raffles, 50/50, snow cones, etc. is then the amount that is donated to Shriner's Hospital.

	2016			2017		
	Qty	**Unit $**	**Total**	**Qty**	**Unit $**	**Total**
Dash Plaques	200	-$1.00	-$200.00	200	-$1.00	-$200.00
Thank You Plaques	27	-$14.00	-$378.00	30	-$14.00	-$420.00
Class Trophies	80	-$28.13	-$2,250.40	92	-$28.18	-$2,592.56
Trophy Class Sales			$2,600.00			$3,200.00
Net			-$228.40			-$12.56

House of Cars

Wally Overstreet Collection

http://www.overstreethouseofcars.com/

Saturday, August 19 was a beautiful day and made even more beautiful for a Gateway Buick Club tour of Wally Overstreet's "House of Cars" collection. What more can one say other than – WOW, WOW, WOW!!!!! A full description of the collection and the history of how the collection came to be can be viewed in more detail on their website: www.overstreethouseofcars.com.

Handsomely displayed in an otherwise non-descript building in an industrial park, this collection was just eye popping. There were muscle cars, foreign exotics (Ferrari's galore), vintage cars, street rods, race cars and beautifully restored originals which were a feast to the eyes of people who appreciate cars. The lone Buick in the collection is a 1953 Buick Skylark. If a collection is to have only one Buick, it can't get any better to get than the 50th anniversary Skylark.

The following pictures of our club members who were in attendance and some of the cars show what a wonderful day this was. A big and hearty Gateway Buick thank you goes out to Wally and John for affording us this marvelous experience.

Chet and Bill

Mary, Ginny and Jeanne

The Lasinski contingent

Pete and Bob

Ted, Gene and Barb

Dave and Kristina

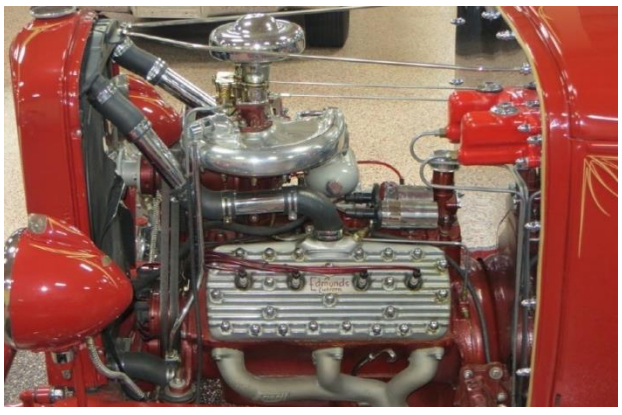
Jeff and Geoff

Wally and John Overstreet

1953 Buick Skylark

1951 Hudson Hornet Convertible

1932 Ford Hi Boy Roadster



Flathead Ford engine with centrifugal supercharger

1932 Ford w/ Hemi Engine

1957 Chevy 210 Custom (Immaculate!!)

1957 Chevy (Boyd Coddington Car)

1956 Chevy (Chip Foose Car)

Dodge Charger Race Car

1970 Hemi Challenger

Wally likes Hemi's!!

Don't throw away all of those old car parts – Episode #1

By Ted Becker

Disposing of old car parts can sometimes be a problem. If you have an environmentalist mindset, chucking those old parts in the trash bin may not be the preferred option. You can save all the metal parts until there is enough accumulated to justify a trip to the metal recycle center. In the meantime, those parts must be stored and/or tripped over every trip around the garage. Or, you can make stuff with some of them. Here are some examples of parts I have made that I find very useful.

I do a fair amount of welding and really wanted to have a welding table. I took an old steel wheel and a steel Nailhead crankshaft that was severely scored and welded it to form the base. I then found that I had saved a steel disc that was the base for an outdoor umbrella that was worn out and no longer usable. A couple of hours of cleaning and welding and painting and now I have a welding table that works wonderfully well.

Then I found that I would just put my MIG handle on the floor while I was between welds. That was in my way and sometimes hard to find if I had my welding helmet still on. I was looking on Pinterest one day and found this really slick way to take a 3/4" combination wrench and turn it into a stand.

I now have a nice table to do my welding and a handy way to hold my MIG handle. SWEET!!!

Gateway Gazette Centerfold

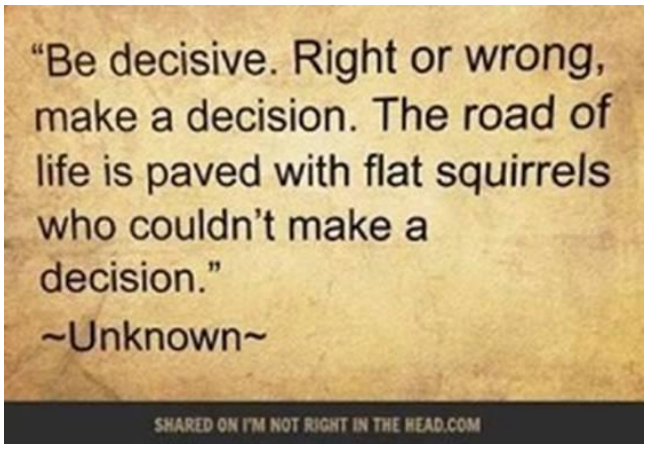
Finally – a real centerfold!!

Jayne Mansfield adorning a 1954 Buick Wildcat Concept Car

In 1967, Mansfield was in Biloxi, Mississippi, for an engagement at the Gus Stevens Supper Club. After two appearances the evening of June 28, Mansfield, Sam Brody (her attorney and companion), their driver Ronnie Harrison (age 20), and three of Mansfield's children – Miklós, Zoltán and Mariska – departed Biloxi after midnight in Stevens' ***1966 Buick Electra 225.*** Their destination was New Orleans, where Mansfield was scheduled to appear on WDSU's Midday Show at noon the next day. At approximately 2:25 a.m., on U.S. Highway 90 west of the Rigolets Bridge, the Buick crashed at high speed into the rear of a tractor-trailer that had slowed behind a truck spraying mosquito fogger and which was shrouded in the insecticide fog. The three adults in the front seat were killed instantly. The children, who were asleep in the rear seat, survived with minor injuries.

After her death, the NHTSA recommended requiring an underride guard (a strong bar made of steel tubing) on all tractor-trailers, although the trucking industry was slow to adopt this change. This bar is known as a "Mansfield bar", or an "ICC bar".

Gazette Giggles of the Month



Lunar Eclipse

That phenomenon when the moon aligns with the sun and earth to block out the sun. What better way to view and celebrate the event than being with Buick friends and eating Moon Pies!

Flint, Michigan's Buick City

Ed Note: The following article by Kent Ernst was recently published in Hemmings Daily

From the air, the stark gray remains of Buick City, a sprawling Flint, Michigan, plot roughly bordered by East Pierson Street, East Wood Street, Industrial Avenue/North Street, and James P. Cole Boulevard, stand in contrast to the residential neighborhoods and commercial properties that surround it. Once, its 390 acres churned out new Buicks and employed nearly 30,000 workers, but today the space sits largely vacant and forgotten. Thanks to a $197,000 federal grant that focuses on remarketing the land that may soon change.

Neither the rise nor fall of the property, which wasn't known as Buick City until 1985, happened overnight. Construction began on the facility, then known as Buick's north Flint complex, in 1906, and by 1908, Buick (then under the GM umbrella) was producing nearly 9,000 automobiles annually. Two years later, production had expanded so much that there simply wasn't room to house all the new workers, prompting construction of temporary tent cities as a cost-effective solution.

During World War I, the Buick complex produced Liberty aircraft engines, as well as munitions, ambulances, and even experimental armored vehicles. In the interwar years the facility grew to be one of the largest in the world — counting the floor space of all buildings — but in 1928 was usurped by Ford's just-completed River Rouge plant.

Growth continued in the postwar years, and the presence of suppliers onsite allowed Buick to dabble in non-traditional inventory management. Despite awards for quality in the 1980s, Buick City produced its last namesake automobile in 1999, though by then the complex had shrunk to 235 acres, its staff reduced to 1,000 full-time employees and 200 temps.

Not all buildings at the complex were shuttered in 1999. Plant 36, for example, continued to product Buick engines into 2008, while Factory 81 — better known as GM Powertrain Flint North — continued to churn out components as late as 2010. By then, scrappers had already begun raiding unoccupied (or even partially unoccupied) buildings; as Michigan Live reported in 2009, more than $100,000 in copper and other scrap metals had been stolen from Plant 36 alone in the year since its closure.

To prevent such actions in the future (and perhaps to limit GM's liability), most of the buildings that once stood at Buick City were razed, leaving behind a mix of concrete and asphalt dotted by the sparse vegetation that grew between the cracks. The area became one of Michigan's largest brownfield sites, with its long-term cleanup controlled by the EPA.

Marketing such a parcel of real estate in an unenviable task. There aren't many companies requiring this large an expanse of industrial land in Flint, despite Michigan's improving industrial occupancy rates. The answer is to split the parcel into more manageable segments of roughly five to 10 acres in size, and a recent federal grant, awarded to the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce, may soon help identify the most desirable Buick City lots.

A portion of the money will be allocated to engineering surveys, providing prospective builders with key data like locations of utilities and sewer lines, along with transportation access. Another part of the grant will go to creating concepts for building designs and construction cost models, a portion will be dedicated to producing marketing materials to pitch portions of the site to prospective companies, and the remainder will go towards identifying and aiding prospective tenants.

Speaking about the grant money, the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce's vice president of economic development, Janice Karcher, stated,

This level of information allows us to get in front of more prospective companies, developers and be able to say 'look, we've done our homework to make it easier for you to evaluate the site.' That's the real goal here. That's really helpful in being able to avoid surprises in potential projects but also to help zero in on optimal portions of the site.

In recent years, a few companies have relocated to the former Buick City site. In 2014, piping company American Spiralweld opened a facility at the northern end of the complex, and, in July 2017, automotive supplier Lear Corporation announced its plans to purchase the lot located at 902 East Hamilton Avenue, once the site of Buick City's administration building.

Birthdays

Ted Becker

Jim Hall

John Lasinski

Wendy Nathan

Jenna Smyth

Anniversaries

Ed & Nancy Keil

Adam and Atena Martin

September 2 – Sky View Drive-In (Classic Car night)
Everyone who drives a classic car gets in free!! !
*** Passengers pay regular admission of $10, children 12 & under are free.
We will meet and drive together, more details as date approaches.
They choose two of the top selling moves from the summer and show those.
Address: 5700 North Belt West, Belleville, IL 62226 www.skyview-drive-in.com

September 10 --- Wheels in Motion Car Show – West Port Plaza 9am - 4pm
Proceeds from the event benefit The National Children's Cancer Society
Car registration: $20 per car, first 150 cars receive a commemorative dash plaque
Our club sets-up and runs the snow cone tent

September 9 – BBQ at Chet's House -- Starts at 11:00 am, Eating at Noon
Pot Luck Style – Club will provide meats, Members should bring a side or dessert
*** THIS WILL ALSO BE THE MONTHLY MEETING ****
Stuffing goodie bags for the Shriners Car Show (THANKS CHET)
Address: 3 Callaway Lake Drive, Defiance, MO 63341 (close to New Melle)

September 17 --- Shriners Car Show – Moolah Shrine Center 9am - 4pm
WE ARE HOSTING THIS EVENT --- LETS ALL SHOW UP FOR A GREAT CAUSE ! !
Address: 12545 Fee Fee Road, St Louis 63146

September 24 --- Shriners Car Show – RAIN DATE

October 2 – Monthly Meeting **--** Sports Café in Bridgeton – Starts at 7:30 pm
Address: 3579 Pennridge Drive, Bridgeton 63044 • (314) 298-1631

October 14 – Country Classic Cars Day Trip – Staunton, IL
We will be having lunch at Diamond Mineral Springs in Highland, IL, known for their mile high pies
More Details as the event gets closer

November 6 – Monthly Meeting / Salute to Veterans / Can Food Drive
Meeting starts at 7:30 but arrive early to eat dinner and enjoy our Salute to Veterans, FREE CAKE ! YUM !
Bring canned or box foods for our Annual Food Drive – Thanksgiving is coming, perfect time to think of those in need

November 18 – Tour of Shriners Hospital

December 10 – Monthly Meeting / Toys for Tots Drive – Starts at 11:30 am
Christmas Party!! ! We made it another year!! Whooo hooo !
Spaghetti Factory, Chesterfield 636-536-9522
17384 Chesterfield Airport Rd - Chesterfield MO 63005
*** Don't Forget to bring a toy for Toys for Tots

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

Name:_____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone (optional) _____

Email: _____

Buick Club of America

Application for Membership

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.

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. ❑

How did you hear about the BCA? _____

_____

***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)*

Amount

$_____

_____/_____

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

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

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Authorized Signature Phone Number

Return Application to:
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