



Gateway Gazette



Monthly Newsletter of the St Louis Chapter

Buick Club of America

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1972 GS455 Stage 1 Convertible owned by Bob Schurwan

Bob writes:

Owned it since 2009.

- * Numbers matching car confirmed by Sloan Museum documentation. Also in the Stage 1 registry.
- * Sold new from Fulton Buick in Carnegie, PA. List price was \$5,075.45. Although the car came with the Stage 1 option, A/C, and power windows, it was ordered for dealer stock with hub caps and white wall tires.
- * Previous owners of the car lived in Ohio and Colorado so it has seen a lot of the country.
- * While in Colorado, the body was taken off of the frame in 2004 to restore the undercarriage. Body was painted some time in the late 1990's which has held up well.
- * Options such as rally wheels/15" tires, AM/FM stereo radio, hood mounted tach, and N-25 rear bumper were added to the car some time in its history.

This is the second 1972 Stage 1 car and the second GS convertible I have owned. I sold the 1972 hardtop in the mid 1990's to a local person who turned it into a 9 second drag car. It was always a big hit at the GS Nationals. I owned a 1970 GS455 convertible for 19 years before selling back to the person in Houston I bought it from. It recently was a Good Guys Muscle Car of the Year finalist and received "Bronze" in the concurs judging at the 2016 GS Nationals.

Director's Letter

Hi Everyone !!

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving holiday! Thank you for donating to our annual food drive for the St. Louis Food bank. It warms my heart, knowing that we helped put food on the table of those less fortunate during this holiday season. You guys are the best !



As the year comes to an end... I want to thank every one of you for volunteering, attending our events, contributing to our many community efforts, for all the behind the scenes efforts and guidance. ..and for making this club a great Buick family. I hope you all have enjoyed the events we had in 2017. If there is something you would like to see added, please let me know. I will be putting the 2018 calendar together the first few weeks of January. We will have the annual Trivia Night in February, Pere Marquette cruise, and will add the cruise to Country Classic Cars again. It was planned for 2017, but they had a fire a few weeks before we planned to head up there.

I hope to see everyone at the upcoming December meeting on the 10th. It will be held at our annual spot, the Old Spaghetti Factory in Chesterfield. This is also our Toys for Tots toy drive so please consider donating. Our target age range is the teenagers again this year. The organizations website recommends the following for this age group: Sporting equipment, Books, Backpacks, Cosmetics, Purses, Watch/Wallet gift set, Bath gift sets, Board Games, Radio controlled items, Handheld electronics, Skateboards/Helmets, Curling Irons, Hair Strengtheners, and Hair Dryers.

At this meeting, we will be voting on whether or not to do the regional show. So, please plan to attend. There are pros and cons for both choices. We need to let the main office know asap of our decision.

Thanks for being a part of our great Buick family.

See you all soon,
Kristina



Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes, November 6th, 2017

The meeting, was held at the Sport's Café, Bridgeton, MO, and was facilitated by Kristina Richards, Director.

Kristina opened the meeting with **The Pledge of Allegiance** of the United States and welcomed all members. Kristina also recognized the following veterans present at the meeting; John Regnier, John Midkiff, Jim Hall, Steve Dodson, Bill Landers and Jerry Wilson. A photo was taken for the Gazette and a cake was shared with all.

The November meeting also featured our annual food drive. Kristina thanked everyone for their contributions. Food will be donated to the St. Louis Food Bank in Earth City.

October Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Steve Dodson to approve the minutes as printed in the Gazette. Jim Hall said he had not received his Minutes/Gazette in the mail. Motion was seconded by Angela Midkiff and approved by all.

18 members and guests were in attendance.

Member News: (no report)

Treasurer's Report: (submitted by Pete Nathan, presented by Kristina Richards)

Shriners: **\$1,803.90**

Note: \$3,000.00 contribution made to Shriners Hospital; \$2,300.00 check from Shriners account plus \$700.00 in individual checks received from sponsors.

Club Account: **\$1,947.07**

Motion made by Steve Dodson to accept the Treasurer's Report, second by John Midkiff, approved by all.

BCA Club News:

National News: (no report) *(Place Holder items in italics)*

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

Kristina said this will be on the agenda for our December meeting and a vote from the membership will be taken to determine if we will host this event.

Performance Division: (no report)

Modified News: (no report)

Old Business:

Shriners Hospital Car Show – 2017

Kristina requested that everyone who sold trophies to please pick up their "thank you" plaques and distribute them.

Kristina thanked Chet Palumbo for sending out "Thank You" letters to all sponsors and to everyone who made a contribution to the Shriners Car Show.

Guest Speakers:

Howard Hesketh, review; everyone enjoyed Howard's presentation, Steve Dodson shared experiences he has had with Howard helping him with his projects, Chet Palumbo shared information he learned after the meeting related to the differences between A/C hoses used for R12 and 134A systems.

Kristina would like to have more speakers, please let her know if you have any ideas or contacts.

New Business:

40th Anniversary – St. Louis Gateway Chapter, BCA – Love Park

Kristina said we need to start planning this event. What can we do for fun and games; club history trivia, raffle baskets, invite past members, music...

Website Status; Bill Landers has been working hard on an outline/guide for the web designer. At a prior directors meeting, Pete Nathan said his son-in-law could design the new website for us. Waiting on Pete for an update.

Upcoming Events: (Club Events)

December 10th Holiday Party/Meeting, The Old Spaghetti Factory, Chesterfield, MO
Meeting and Toys for Tots, with focus on gifts for pre-teens.
RSVP to Kristina please...

November 18th – Tentative for the Shriners Hospital Tour (cancelled)

(We needed 10 or more to do this tour – and no one signed up)

March 2018, Mann's Restoration, Festus, Mo, will plan as joint event with the Oldsmobile club.

50/50 Drawing:

\$37.00 Total, with \$18.00 going to Jeanne Palumbo

Next Meeting: December 10th The Old Spaghetti Factory, Chesterfield, MO

Lunch at 11:30am

17384 Chesterfield Airport Rd

Chesterfield, MO 63005

636-536-9522



42 Food cans were collected at the meeting to be sent to a local food pantry

Veterans Day Celebration

Recognizing those Veterans of the Gateway Buick Club

November 6, 2017

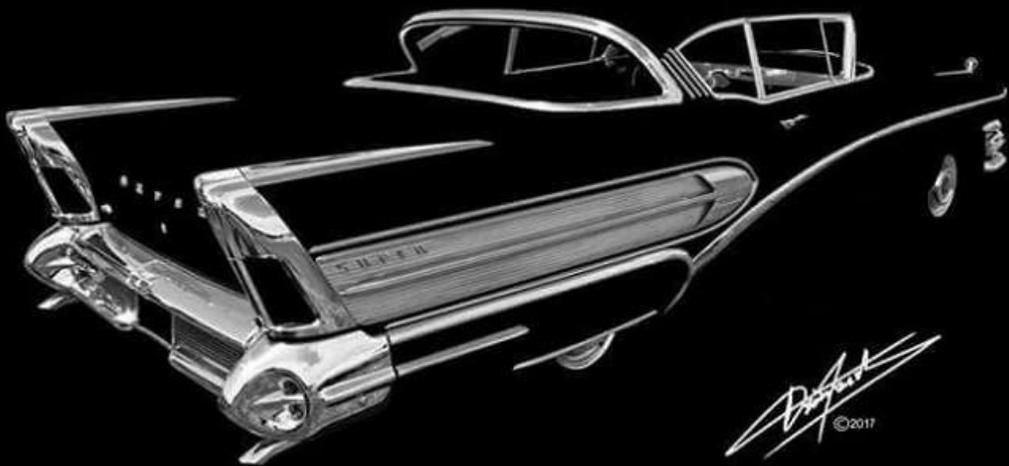


From left to right: John Regnier, John Midkiff, Jim Hall, Steve Dodson, Bill Landers and Jerry Wilson



*Anybody think 1958 Buicks are
overdone?*

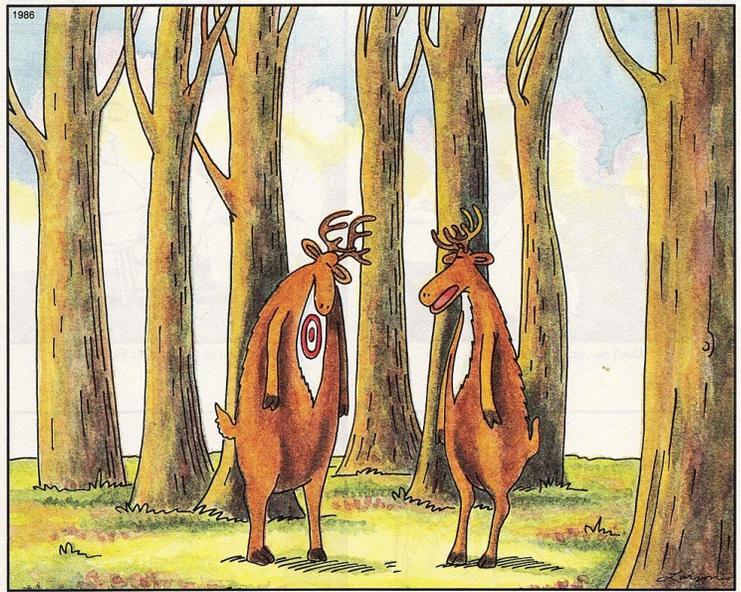
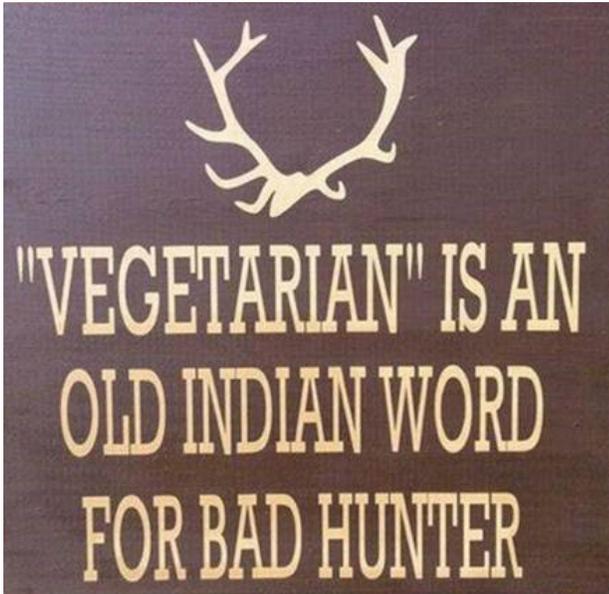
CHROME !
THE '58 BUICK HAS SO MUCH BRIGHTWORK
THAT YOU CAN MASK EVERYTHING ELSE
AND STILL EASILY IDENTIFY IT.



D. Ford
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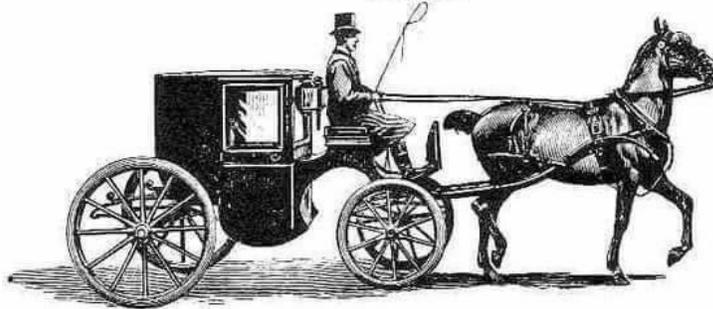


Gazette Giggles



"Bummer of a birthmark, Hal!"

THEN



NOW



WELL PLAYED, HORSE. WELL PLAYED.

Gazette Centerfolds



Oil Filters 101

by Ted Becker

I recently ran across an article by Amsoil about oil filters. The question raised was “can an oil filter be reused through a second oil change?” Actually, that brought up an interesting story that was told to me by one of my business associates. He had worked in a sleazy oil change place back in his high school years. Their practice was to remove the oil filter during a change, clean it off an place it back in storage to be used on the next car that used that part number oil filter. Technically, he was “changing the filter”, but not a new one. Good grief—how do some people sleep at night?

During my years working at the Ford Engineering Center, I did performance testing of oil filters from a taxi fleet that was later used in a promotional campaign showing that Motorcraft filters were “taxi tested tough”. I probably tested 500 oil filters, so I do have some knowledge on the subject.

Back in those days, the Motorcraft filter had a filtration media that was loose fibers woven into a cylinder. The other filters used the more common filtration paper, not unlike an air filter. Whether one was better than another is debatable, but that was Ford’s claim to fame.

As oil passes through the filtration media, it finds little gaps to flow through. Like any fluid or electrical current, it follows the path of least resistance. Thus the oil first flows through the larger holes until those are filled up with the impurities then through the smaller ones and so forth. As one can imagine, the filter then becomes more efficient in terms of filtration as the oil flows through the smaller holes and filters out smaller particles.

The job of the oil filter is to remove debris that is generated in the engine so it does not cause wear in the rubbing components in the engine. It can then be said that the more oil flows through smaller gaps in the filter media, the better it becomes in filtering out small debris. So, perhaps you could say that reusing an oil filter is actually better for the engine than using a new filter. But, there are several holes in this logic.

An old oil filter has the old and contaminated oil that has been in the engine and needs replacing. It could be said that the filter could be removed from the engine and left upside down to let all the old oil drain out. That is partially true, but it is not possible to remove all the old oil from the filter. So, a reused oil filter will then contaminate the new oil that is installed.

Additionally, the oil is passing through smaller and smaller holes as more oil passes through it. At some point, almost all of those small holes will fill up and there is no place for the oil to flow through. This will then cause the filter to go on “bypass” and let unfiltered oil flow through the engine. Not good!!!

Oil Filters 101 (cont.)

I think we can agree that reusing an oil filter is probably not worth the risk of it filling up with contaminants and rendering it useless and dangerous to the engine. I know many who subscribe to the theory of reusing the filter, but I am not among them.

Lets talk more about what filter to use. As I mentioned previously, the filter's primary element is the filtration media. Filter paper is pleated and wrapped in a cylinder and the ends are then capped with either a steel cap or some epoxy or plastic resin. If this end is not sealed well or if it comes loose, oil flows right around the filtration media and recirculates dirty oil through the engine.

I also mentioned the filter going on bypass. If you look at the threaded end of a filter, there are multiple holes that allow the oil to flow from the engine into the center of the media and then out the center hole. Behind the holes is a rubber disk that serves as a check valve to prevent oil from draining out of the filter back into the oil pan. Also behind that disk is a stamped spring steel bypass valve which only comes into play if the oil filter is totally plugged up.

The quality of the materials and the construction very much determine the reliability of the oil filter. A Fram filter at Walmart usually sells for about \$4. Similar filters at auto parts stores sell for an equivalent price. For a price like that, it does not take a huge imagination to conclude that the quality of materials and construction may not equal that of the Space Shuttle.

What happens when an oil filter fails? Not good!! Either the filter is on bypass and no oil is actually filtered or pieces of media or metal come loose and go through the engine. Also not good!!

I am a strong proponent of using a premium oil filter. My preferred brand is NAPA Gold which is made by Wix. Purolator also has a Pure One filter that is a premium. These are filters I have used through the years with full success. Other premium filters are K&N and Mobil 1. Any of these filters will cost about \$8 or \$9. Really, is an extra \$5 worth the piece of mind for protecting an engine? I sure think so.



CCCA Classic Car Trivia Night

It's time to get the band back together! Last year was our first time doing this event and we came in second place out of about 30 tables. All we need is a little more help and we can win this thing.

Questions are mostly about cars, but other questions were about food, presidential history and St Louis history. Everyone can contribute. Lets have a good turnout and make a good showing.

Contact Ted Becker (309)256-9860 for reservations.



3rd Annual
Classic Car
TRIVIA
Night

SATURDAY
2.17.18
7:00PM - 11:00PM

MOOLAH SHRINE
12545 FEE FEE RD.
ST. LOUIS, MO 63146

\$160.00
TABLE OF 8 PLAYERS

\$20.00 PER PERSON. TEAMS MUST PAY ALL TOGETHER, NOT INDIVIDUALLY.

PARTICIPANTS MUST BE 21 YEARS OR OLDER.

CASH BAR AVAILABLE
SORRY, NO OUTSIDE BEVERAGES ALLOWED. BARROOM BENEFITS SHRINERS HOSPITAL TRANSPORTATION FUND FOR CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CARE.

TEAMS ENCOURAGED TO BRING TABLE SNACKS

RESERVE YOUR TABLE BY FEBRUARY 5, 2018

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE AGAINST OTHER AUTO ENTHUSIASTS
•
AUTOMOBILE TRIVIA, POP CULTURE & MORE!

8 ROUNDS OF QUESTIONS
•
50/50, RAFFLES & SILENT AUCTIONS
•
PRIZE FOR WINNING TEAM

Questions?
Shannon • (314) 825-2980
olsonrsa@gmail.com
Or
Kevin • (314) 258-0574
stlwc1@yahoo.com

PAYMENT DUE AT THE TIME OF TABLE RESERVATION.

Make checks payable to SSR CCCA & mail to:
SSR CCCA
350 Afshari Drive Florissant, MO 63034
Please include Club/Team/Table Name, Phone Number & Email Address

Sponsored by the Spirit Region of the Classic Car Club of America
Proceeds benefit the Wheels In Motion National Children's Cancer Society Fund.





Birthdays

Barb Knudsen
Ginny Landers
Mike Marx
Jeanne Palumbo
Vic Nettle
Nan Johnson



Anniversaries

Bill & Ina
Bicknell

Bob & Barb
Brasses

Aaron &
Rhonda Ford

Gary and Janet
Heim



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

Don't throw away all of those old car parts – Episode #4

By Ted Becker

I have had a long standing issue with the placement of my bench grinder. As you can see from the picture below, it was on a small bench I use to mount my bench grinder, vice, and drill press. Where it sits, it leaves me little room when I am grinding or polishing or wire wheeling a long part or I need to use my vice. It is also very non-portable and I am stuck with using it where it is.

I always thought it would be much better to have it free standing where I can move it to any location I want. Paul Meyer showed me his method which uses the front wheel hub from a 1 ton truck. I considered duplicating his technique, but preferred to mount mine on a wheel and tire.



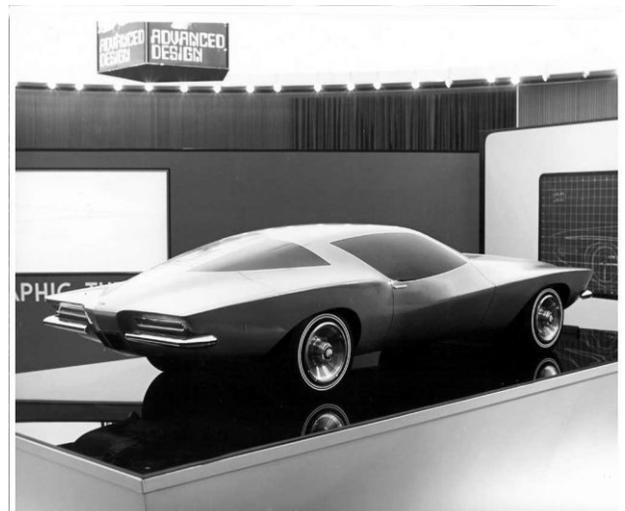
I took an old wheel and welded a pipe in the center and welded a flat plate to the top. I mounted a tire on the wheel so I can move it around my shop. The addition of the tire serves to provide isolation from vibration and a better base that is more stable when I am putting force on my grinder.

Now it frees up my table to mount my vice in a better location and give me more flexibility for using my bench grinder.



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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	<i>(E-Membership is an online Bugle only; no hard copy — email required)</i>	

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)**

_____ / _____

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

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