

Gateway Gazette





1967 Buick Special Wagon owned by Mark Kistner

Monthly Newsletter of the St Louis Chapter

Buick Club of America

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Director's Letter

Well Summer Is In Full Swing!

I hope everyone has been staying cool and enjoying their rides. The next few months will be filled with all kinds of fun and volunteer opportunities.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Yep, it's already here... The Memories on Main Car Show in Troy, Missouri is on August 5th!!! Like previous years, we need volunteers to help with judging cars. Please sign up at the August meeting or via email ASAP. The Archway Oldsmobile Club graciously provides lunch and dinner for those who

help out. They also are very active with our Shriners Car Show... so let's return the favor. Please arrive by 9:30 - Judging starts at 10 am. Judges are welcome to enter their cars.

The monthly meeting is a few days later at Sports Café on August 7th.... Then.. MORE FUN!! We're going to have a lunch / car show at House of Cars on Saturday, August 19th at 11:30 am. Bring your chairs (for outside), some drinks and a \$6.00 for your choice of sub sandwich. Come spend the day at one of our areas best kept secrets! We will be having a car show on the parking lot, and lunch in the 1950s diner nestled in the middle of an amazing collection of cars. The address is 10623 Baur Blvd, Creve Coeur, MO 63132. The DEADLINE FOR RSVPs on this is August 14th. Please be sure to RSVP so we can purchase enough food.

Then... hold onto your seats... because September is PACKED! Here's a quick rundown for ya. Please see your event details for all the specifics. **September 2** – Sky View Drive-In (Classic Car night) **September 3** -- Wheels in Motion Car Show at West Port Plaza **September 9** – BBQ at Chet's House **September 17** --- Shriners Car Show at the Moolah Shrine Center

Which brings me to the Shriners Car Show. A HUGE THANK YOU to all those who have helped sell a trophy class. We ARE SOLD OUT!! YES, SOLD OUT!! CRAZY AWESOME EVERYONE!! If you sold a class, please ensure that all the information for your sale is correct on Chet's trophy list. I will be turning that into the trophy shop by August 14th.

I can't believe our fifth annual show is right around the corner. All we need now is volunteers, please ask anyone who may be interested if they would like to volunteer for this great event. We need judges to ensure that we alleviate the delays in getting trophies handed out. The more people the better. I will be heading to the Oldsmobile, Ford and Camaro club this month to recruit volunteers.... All help would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you all for being a part of our awesome Buick family. See you all soon!!

-- Kristina

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes, July 16th, 2017

The meeting and Annual Picnic was held at Love Park, Ballwin, MO and was facilitated by Kristina Richards, Director.

- Kristina opened the meeting with **The Pledge of Allegiance** of the United States and thanked everyone for attending and bringing food to the picnic.
- Kristina also offered a special thanks to Mike Saputo and his guest; The Boney Goat Band, for providing music.
- The June Meeting Minutes were approved as printed in the Gazette. Motion made by Geoff Lockett, second by Dave Smith, approved by all.
- 27 members and guests were in attendance.

Member News:

- Captain John Kemper, a fire fighter and friend of the Buick community, passed away from injuries suffered from Fourth of July fires. Adam Martin will write a tribute to John for Gazette.
- A "Thank You" card was signed by all and will be sent to Jack and Laura Anderson for inviting us to the picnic held at their farm.

Treasurer's Report: (from Pete Nathan, presented by Chet Palumbo)

- Shriners: \$2,073.29
- Club Account: \$2.203.57
- Motion made by Dave Smith to accept the Treasurer's Report, second by Richard Self, approved by all.

BCA Club News:

- National News: (Bill Landers)
 - o 2017 National Meet, Brookfield, WI, July 5-8, 2017 (combined Regional/National event)
 - Report given by Bill Landers and Chet Palumbo, see The Gazette for pictures and information.
 - o The 2018 National will be in Denver, CO, June 19-23.
 - o The 2019 National will be in Oklahoma City, OK
- **Regional News:** (Bill Landers)
 - 2018 Heartland Regional will be sponsored by the Hawkeye chapter in Cedar Rapids, IA, July 19-21
 - o 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
- **Performance Division:** (no report)
- **Modified News:** (Chet Palumbo)
 - o 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.

Old Business: (no updates)

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:

Shriners Hospital Car Show – 2017

- 2017 Flyers are available for pick up please take some and hand them out.
- Sponsor Recognition:
 - o Mark Kistner recommended that we create a list of all sponsors along with what they do, and include a copy in each goody bag. Chet will create a list, Mark will make the copies.
 - o It was also recommended that we give the list to the DJ's so they could make sponsor announcements throughout the day.
- Trophy Sales:
 - o Kristina thanked Mark Kistner and Richard Self for their efforts in selling trophies this month.
 - Chet is working on updating the list with all the new sales brought to the picnic, but it appears that almost all of the classes have been either reserved or sold.
 - o Please let Chet Palumbo know as soon as you sell a class so he can update the list.
- A new venue is needed for 2018.

<u>2017 Club Dues:</u> Dues for 2017 are past due. Ted Becker sent out a post card reminder to all members who have not paid their 2017 dues requesting payment to be mailed to Pete Nathan.

Upcoming Events: (Club Events) (no updates)

August 5th – Memories on Main,

- Arrive at 9:30 for Judging
- o Meet at the Masonic Hall at the bottom of the hill
- o Lunch provided at the hall, with dinner available at Stephanina's

50/50 Drawing: (none)

• \$50.00 total, with \$25.00 going to Kristina Richards

Next Meeting: August 7th, Sport's Café, Bridgeton, MO

- Address: 3579 Pennridge Drive, Bridgeton 63044 (314) 298-1631
- Dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30

Shriner's Car Show



Gateway Buick Club of America Presents

SEPT. 17, 2017 Rain Date Sept 24th





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:

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

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

Driving Our Cars, So Children Can Walk

Class sponsorship details:

| Class | 2017 Classes | Sold By: | Paid | Sponsor Address | Wording for Trophy |
|-------|-------------------|----------------------|------|---|---|
| 1 | Stock 1900 - 1954 | Mark Kistner | | Bruce Leesman | Leesman Funeral Home |
| | | | | P.O. Box 36 | Columbia, Millstadt and |
| | | | | Dupo, IL 62239 | Dupo, IL |
| 2 | Stock 1955 - 1964 | Mark Kistner | PAID | | Local 360 Plumbers and |
| | | | | | Gas Fitters Union |
| 3 | Stock 1965 - 1972 | Mark Kistner | PAID | Community Tire | Information needed |
| 4 | Stock 1973 – 2006 | Kristina Richards | PAID | L. Martin Cordero Assistant Attorney General 150 E. Gay Street, 22 nd Floor Columbus, OH 43215- 3167 | L. Martin Cordero |
| 5 | Stock | Richard Self | | Twin City Toyota 301 Autumn Ridge Drive | Twin City Toyota Herculaneum, MO 63048 |

| | 2007 - Present | | | Herculaneum, MO 63048 | |
|----|---|----------------------------|----------|---|--|
| 6 | Street Rods - Steel 1948 & Older | Richard Self | PAID | Mann's Restoration & Maintenance 5 North 6th Street Festus, Missouri 63028 | Mann's Restoration & Maintenance Festus, Missouri |
| 7 | Street Rods - Fiberglass 1948 & Older | Paul Perez | Reserved | PUR Performance 3725 Harry S. Truman Blvd. St. Charles, MO 63301 | PUR Performance St. Charles, MO |
| 8 | Custom 1949 - 1972 | Mark Kistner | PAID | HYTEC Auto Trim 211 West Kunz Columbia, IL 62236 | HYTEC Auto Trim Columbia, IL |
| 9 | Custom Cars 1973 - Present | Mark Kistner | HOLD | | |
| 10 | Mopar 1965 - 1972 | Ted Becker | PAID | | Behlmann Chrysler/Jeep/Ram Troy, MO |
| 11 | Mopar 2006 - Present | John and Kitty Lasinski | Reserved | | First Class MoPar Club |
| 12 | Buick / Olds / Pontiac 1965 - 1972 | Ted Becker | PAID | | Behlmann Buick GMC Troy, MO |
| 13 | Mustangs 1964 - 1973 | Richard Self | Reserved | John's Auto Body & Paint 6207 W. Outer Rd. Imperial, MO 63052 | John's Auto Body & Paint Imperial, MO 63052 |
| 14 | Mustangs 1974 - 1993 | Kristina Richards | PAID | L. Martin Cordero Assistant Attorney General 150 E. Gay Street, 22 nd Floor Columbus, OH 43215- 3167 | L. Martin Cordero |
| 15 | Mustangs 1994 - 2004 | Kristina Richards | PAID | L. Martin Cordero Assistant Attorney General 150 E. Gay Street, 22 nd Floor Columbus, OH 43215- 3167 | L. Martin Cordero |
| 16 | Mustangs 2005 - Present | | | | |
| 17 | Corvettes 1953 - 1982 | Bob Schurwan | PAID | Rockwood Charcoal 101 Thresher Dr #525 Eureka, MO 63025 | The Saint Louis Charcoal Co. |
| 18 | Corvettes 1984 - Present | Richard Self | Reserved | Sapaugh Motors 1435 McNutt Street Herculaneum, MO 63045 | Sapaugh Motors Chevrolet, Cadillac, Buick, GMC Herculaneum, MO |
| 19 | Camaro / Firebird 1967 - 1981 | Mark Kistner | Reserved | 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 | Mark Kistner | Reserved | Tom Bradley Plumbing, Inc. P.O. Box 337 Millstadt, IL. 62260 | Tom Bradley Plumbing, Inc. Columbia, IL. |
| 21 | Camaro 2010 - Present | Mark Kistner | Reserved | T & M Automotive 1439 Evergreen Columbia, IL 62236 | T & M Automotive Columbia, IL |
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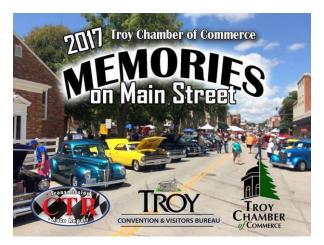
| 22 | All Foreign | Mark Kistner | Reserved | J. R.'s German Tech J. R.'s German Tech C | | |
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| | | | | Center 1053 S Jefferson St Millstadt, IL 62260-2053 | Millstadt, IL | |
| 23 | Rat Rods | Ted Becker | PAID | Mudd Auto Body 831 West Terra Lane O'Fallon, MO 63366 | Mudd Auto Body O'Fallon, MO | |
| 24 | Stock Trucks 1900 - 1972 | Richard Self | PAID | Anytime AutoGlass 4138 Harmony Hills Road De Soto, MO 63020 | Anytime AutoGlass De Soto, MO | |
| 25 | Stock Trucks 1973 - 2006 | Richard Self | PAID | Tosti's Transmission 10 Gravois Road Fenton, MO 63026 | Tosti's Transmission Fenton, MO 63026 | |
| 26 | Stock Trucks 2007 - Present | Richard Self | PAID | Lucas-Smith Chrysler Dodge Jeep 1600 Parkway West Festus, MO 63028 | Lucas-Smith Chrysler Dodge Jeep Festus, MO | |
| 27 | Custom Trucks 1900 - 1972 | Mark Kistner | PAID | Camper Exchange Inc. 1401 S Illinois St Belleville IL, 62220 | Camper Exchange Inc. Belleville, IL | |
| 28 | Custom Trucks 1973 - Present | Mark Kistner | PAID | Waterloo Animal Hospital 506 W. Park Waterloo IL 62298 | Waterloo Animal Hospital Waterloo, IL | |
| 29 | Special Interest | Richard Self | PAID | Richard and Vera S Self Richard and Vera S | | |
| 30 | All Motorcycles | Steve Dodson | PAID | Moolah Temple Moolah Motor Pa | | |
| 31 | Best of Show | Adam Martin | PAID | Adam Martin 1212 Cloverbrook St. Charles, MO 63304 Antique Automotive | | |
| 32 | Shriners Choice | Steve Dodson | PAID | Moolah Temple | Potentate's Choice | |
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Memories on Main Street Car Show

This year the Gateway Buick Club is again proud to support the Archway Oldsmobile Club with their "Memories on Main Street" car show on August 5 in Troy, Missouri. This is a really fun old fashioned car show where the main street of town is blocked off and cars are diagonally parked along both sides of the street for a day of car viewing and fellowship. We assist in the judging at the show as does the Olds club with our Shriner's show.

This is a great show that you will enjoy. Hopefully a lot of our membership will attend this show and volunteer to help out with the judging.

August 5 – Memories on Main Car Show / Judging – Arrive by 9:30. Judging starts at 10 am. Like last year, our club will help judge for this car show. Lunch and Dinner will be provided. Judges are welcome to enter their cars. Address: Downtown, Troy, Missouri





NAME OF THE OWNER OF THE OWNER OF THE OWNER. \$10.00 Display Only REGISTRATION 8am - Noon JUDGING Noon **AWARDS** 4 pm • Dash plaques for the first 150 entries. ★ Enter at College Street and Main Street ONLY. ESCORTED PARKING ONLY. · Arriving with friends ensures parking with friends. • All hoods/trunks/convertible tops must be up for judging. THE TROY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND ARCHWAY OLDS CLUB ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENT, INJURY, DAMAGE OR LOSS We reserve the right to change or combine classes. 1. Original Unrestored **THREE Trophies per Class** 2. Stock Antique (1900-1949) 3. Stock Antique (1950-1959) **Specialty Trophies** Stock Antique (1960-1969) Stock Antique (1970-1979) **Club Participation** Stock Antique (1980-1999) Mayor's Choice All Cars (2000-present) 8. All Cars Mod* (1984 and up) Best Display 9. General Motors (up to 1999) **Best Paint** 10. Ford-Mercury-Edsel (up to 1999) **Best of Show** 11. Chevy 55-56-57 12. Camaro/TA/Firebird Stock (up to 1999)
13. Camaro/TA/Firebird Mod* (up to 1999) 14. Corvette (1953-1983) 15. Corvette (1984-2014) 16. Mopar (1999 & Prior) *Mod - More than 3 Modifications* 17. Rambler/AMC 18. Mustang Stock (up to 1983) 19. Mustang Mod* (up to 1983) 20. Musde Car Stock (up to 1983) 21. Musde Car Mod* (up to 1983) 22. Import Marquee All 23. Sport Compacts
24. Mid/Full Size Trucks (up to 1983) 25. Mid/Full Size Trucks (1984 and up) 26. Mini Trucks 27. Street Rod Steel (up to 1948) 28. Street Rod Fiberglass (up to 1948) 29. Street Machine (1949-1972) 30. Street Machine (1973-1999) 31. Pro Street Best of Show Winner is 32. T-Buckets All Featured in all 2018 Event 33. Rat Rod Promotion, T-Shirts, Event 34. Special Interest Official logo and more! 35. Work in Progress

John Kemper Tribute

By Chet Palumbo



Captain John Kemper was injured while battling a structural fire on July 5th, and died July 12, 2017. He planned to retire next year and was looking forward to having more time to work on his Buicks.

Though Capt. John was not a member of our club, he was a devoted Buick fan through and through. He was friends of several in the club and was a member in spirit.

On Thursday, July 20th, the Gateway Buick club had the privilege of participating in the procession that transported Captain John Kemper from Hoffmeister Colonial Funeral Home to Harris Stowe State University. The procession passed through many neighborhoods in south St. Louis on our tour to the three firehouses where John worked; Engine House #23 – Carondelet, Engine House #14 – Tower Grove, and Engine House #4 – Dutchtown. Each engine house had a firetruck parked in front, with their firemen standing at attention as we drove by.

This truly was a great honor and moving experience to be included in the memorial for Captain John Kemper. It was neat to see the reverence and respect paid to Captain John; people of all ages, race and gender standing at attention or with their hands over their hearts, or simply pulling their cars over waiting for us to pass by. I also noticed one neighborhood where everyone on the street had their porch lights turned on.

Representing the Buick family were Mark Kistner, Greg Kobe, Bill Landers, Bob Merrick, Pete Nathan, Vic and Joyce Nettles, Chet Palumbo, and Bob Windal. The procession of Buicks was led by Brian Zielenski with his maroon 72 Suncoupe that he purchased from John last year.

May a Stage I GSX be awaiting Capt. John to deliver him into his heavenly home.

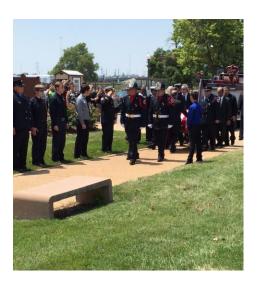












Thank you to those who made it out today to honor John Kemper and join in the procession. You made a really bad day a little more bearable and for that I thank you. I was very proud to be a member of this club today. Thanks Mark Kistner

I would like to add that Terry was very grateful for the Buick participation in the procession. She told me how impressive it was and that it made her very happy to see all the Buicks honoring him. It was also interesting to see the onlooker reaction to the 'parade' of classic Buicks. Bob Merrick

John Kemper was one of the first people I met locally when I started getting heavy into Buicks. He had responded to my parts wanted ad for some Buick road wheels for my Centurion. I met him at his house in South City where he had a fairly massive hoard of Buick parts and several cars. John was the typical Buick enthusiast who was passionate about the 70-72 GS, particularly the SunCoupes. So he and I naturally spent a couple hours gabbing about cars. There came to be many times when he and I would hook up to swap parts or check cars out throughout the last 15 years. John always gave me the family discount in the parts I bought from him, but I think that's how he treated everyone. John was truly one of the best. He will be missed. Adam Martin

I'd like to thank everyone who came out with their cars. It meant so much to my mom and I. Dad would have loved it. Thank you so much for your help. Jenn Kemper

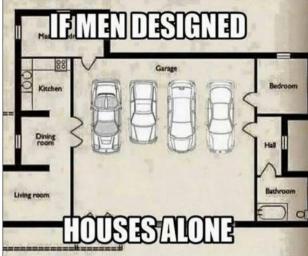
Gateway Gazette Centerfold

Showing that the Gazette has no gender bias, we proudly present Mr. August



Gazette Giggles of the Month













2017 BCA Nationals in Brookfield, Wisconsin

By Chet Palumbo and Bill Landers

Buick Club of America 2017 National Meet

Brookfield, Wisconsin July 5-8, 2017 By Bill Landers and Chet Palumbo

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.



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Richard and Vera Self
1957 Buick Special



Adam and Atena Martin
1970 Buick GS



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Love Park Picnic

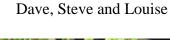
The annual Gateway Buick club summer picnic was once again held at Love Park in Creve Coeur. As is our annual tradition, the fellowship was great as was the food expertly grilled by Paul Perez. Various goodies were brought by the participants to sooth the hungry palates of the Buick faithful.

A special treat this year was provided by Mike Saputo and the Boney Goat Band who played their unique blend of Civil War and Mountain music to the delight of us all. Thank you guys, we really appreciated your entertainment.





Kristina, Paul, John and Monica









Atena and Sherree





The Boney Goat Band



Jeanne, Ted and Mary



Vera, Sherree, Ginny and Mary Ann

Atena and Adam w/ Bill Photobombing in the background



Patrick and Mark



"Lonesome" Bill



Steve and Jeff



Chet, Kristina and Geoff



Paul, Kristina and Geoff



Kristina, Bob and Barb



Paul and Steve Presenting the Colors



Kristina conduction the meeting

An Unpaid Commercial Endorsement

By Ted Becker

Our friends at Sea Foam have been very generous in donating several of their products for our Shriner's Car Show. This has been facilitated through a Shriner's friend of Steve Dodson. Products they have provided include their transmission additive, oil and fuel additive, penetrating oil and Bugs B Gone. First, we would like to give a big Gateway Buick Club thank you to Sea Foam for their generous support.

I have used all of their products to test them out on my own. The product that I have been most impressed with is the Bugs B Gone. We all get bugs on the front of our cars and they can be really nasty and difficult to remove. Normal soap and water seem to have limited effectiveness. Scrubbing with a nylon dish washing pad gets the bugs off, but at the expense of scratching the paint. Don't even try Scotchbrite!! I am happy to report, however, that Bugs B Gone is magic when it comes to removing that mess on the front of a car. I have also tried some of the competing brands as a test, but none came close to the effectiveness of the Sea Foam product.

The pictures below were taken of the front end of a white car that had been driven in the country and had a substantial bug build up.



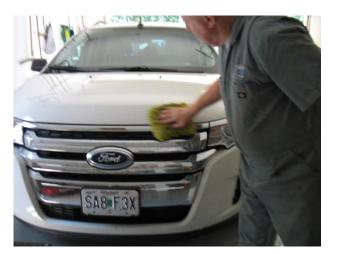


Bugs B Gone comes in a spray bottle and is applied by liberally spraying the area to be cleaned. It can be sprayed on all the forward facing parts of the vehicle i.e. bumper, lower fascia, hood, grill, headlights, side mirrors and windshield. It can also be applied to black plastic trim pieces that have that white waxy residue imbedded in the grain. The product is water activated, so the application must be on a dry surface. It is best to do this outside direct sunlight as it will evaporate and dry before it has a chance to loosen the bug mess. Let it sit for about 15 minutes. When I am washing a car, I apply the Bugs B Gone as my first step and then do the tires while I am waiting for it to work.





Next step is to remove it with soapy water on a car washing mitt. This can also be done using a pressure washer, but care must be taken to not hit it with the pressure too high or it can remove the paint from the plastic bumper cover.





As the below pictures will attest, it gets off all the bug mess in a very impressive fashion.





This whole process took less than a half hour, which included the 15 minute waiting time. I think you will agree that this is pretty impressive results.

Again, we would like to thank Sea Foam for their generous support. All Sea Foam products are sold through auto parts stores. Next time you are in an Autozone or O'Reilly's or NAPA or Advanced Auto Parts pick up a bottle and give it a try. A 16 oz bottle retails for just over \$7. You'll be happy you did!

What's New from Buick?

Buick has announced the "Late 2017" introduction of the Buick Regal GS. There are several reviews that can be viewed on the internet to get more details namely, Buick.com, Motor Trend, Car and Driver and Autoblog.com. The following description and pictures were taken from Autoblog. Like it or not, a cool \$40G's will put one in your driveway.



The 2018 Buick Regal GS, the third and final variant of the all-new Buick Regal, was revealed this morning. At the event, we were given a brief chance to drive the Regal Sportback, the Regal TourX, and the Regal GS at GM's proving grounds in Milford, MI. Buick has been working hard to shed its image as the brand that comes with an AARP membership card in the glovebox, and this handsome trio is definitely on the right path. With a solid list of features at competitive prices, it's now going to be up to Buick's marketing division to get customers into showrooms.

We should say right off the bat that while the old G-Body Grand National and GNX were hardcore giant slayers, the new RegalGS isn't intended to be so sharp edged. Those '80s machines were focused on 0-60 times, and looking as sinister as possible. The new Regal is far more civilized that its forebear. They may share a name, but the purpose has changed.

The standard Regal Sportback starts at \$25,915 - that's \$2,470 less than the outgoing model. It might be the

most attractive Buick in decades, at least on the outside. The interior is typical GM, meaning lots of colors and textures without a defining theme. It's powered solely by a 2.0-liter turbocharged inline four making 250 horsepower and 260 pound-feet of torque. Power is sent to the front wheels through a nine-speed automatic.

From behind the wheel, the Regal Sportback is quiet, comfortable, and generally relaxed. The 2.0-liter turbo makes a decent amount of power, but the steering and handling remind you that this isn't a sport sedan. That's not a fault, simply a conscious design choice. Despite what some enthusiasts would lead you to believe, not everything needs to be set up for the Nürburgring.

The Regal Sportback soaks up bumps fairly well, though the car felt light going over some larger bumps on GM's handling course. The steering is completely dead, but it doesn't feel loose or sloppy. There's simply no feedback from the tires. On the other hand, the brakes were surprisingly good. The pedal was firm and confidence-inspiring. Stopping quickly from 60 mph provided no drama.

The \$29,995 Regal TourX is a high-riding wagon in the vein of the Subaru Outback, Audi A4 Allroad, and Volvo V60 Cross Country. Like those three, the Regal TourX comes standard with some beefy plastic cladding and all-wheel drive, giving some pretense of off-road capability. Like the Regal Sportback, the Regal TourX is powered by a 2.0-liter turbocharged inline-four. Horsepower stays the same, but torque has been bumped to 295 lb-ft. At launch the Regal TourX will come with an eight-speed automatic, though engineers tell us that the nine-speed will be available later on to replace it.

From behind the wheel the Regal TourX doesn't feel all that much different than the Sportback. Sure, there's a little more low-end grunt, but the extra weight (we were told the all-wheel drive system adds some pounds to the vehicle, but couldn't get a specific number at this stage) negates that somewhat. Other than that, it's the same handsome if generally sedate midsize car.

The Regal GS is the car enthusiasts will care about. This is arguably the coolest Regal since the turbocharged GNX from the late '80s. It looks the business, with sporty but subtle accents to the Regal's already good looking bodywork. Inside, the Regal GS gets a flat-bottom steering wheel and a fantastic sport seat. It's bolstered well enough to keep you planted without making you feel like a bear wearing an inner tube. The Regal GS only comes in Sportback form, though a fast wagon would be a real treat.

While the outgoing Regal GS used a high-output 2.0-liter turbocharged four, the new model get's GM's 3.6-liter, naturally-aspirated V6. In this form, it makes 310 horsepower and 282 lb-ft of torque. Power is sent to all four wheels through a nine-speed automatic. There's no manual this time around, and no paddle shifters, either. Buick's engineers said customers never used them. Still, it's an odd call on what Buick is marketing as a sport sedan.

After driving the two turbocharged models, stepping behind the wheel of the GS was a breath of fresh air. Power builds smoothly from down low, pulling hard all the way to redline. This isn't a screamer; it's just a quietly confident sedan. Performance numbers haven't been revealed, but a 0-60 mph in the mid to high 5-second range feels right. The lack of paddle shifters is disappointing, but the nine-speed feels slick and was always in the right gear at the right time.

The all-wheel drive does a good job of managing power. There's no discernable torque steer, an issue with many high-output front or all-wheel drive cars. A "GS" button on the center console tightens the steering, stiffens the ride, and adjusts the torque split on the all-wheel drive system. On GM's handling course, there were a few corners where other drivers kicked up some gravel. The car would slip a small amount before the system would reel you back in. It's good, but you can feel the system working beneath you, so it's not as seamless as some other AWD systems out there.

Steering, like with the other models, is still numb. The "GS" mode adds weight, but there's not much feeling through the wheel. Better tires might help, as the standard Continentals are designed for longevity, comfort, and noise – in that order. In standard mode, the ride is firm without being harsh, but it's difficult to make a final judgement until we get it on public roads.

This new Regal is one of the best cars from Buick in decades. It's certainly one of the best looking. This isn't a hardcore performance sedan, but it's quiet, comfortable, and sporty enough for most people. This brief taster makes us excited for a longer real-world experience with all three of these Regals, but especially the GS.



Birthdays

Kitty Lasinski
Janet Walchshauser
Carl Ballinger
Patrick Bulfin
Kristina Richards
Vera Self



Anniversaries
Ted and Mary Becker



August 5 – Memories on Main Car Show / Judging – Arrive by 9:30. Judging starts at 10 am.

Like last year, our club will help judge for this car show. Lunch and Dinner will be provided. Judges are welcome to enter their cars.

Address: Downtown, Troy 63379

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

August 14 - Deadline for House of Cars RSVP

August 19 - Group Car Show & Lunch - At the Overstreet Collection "House of Cars"

Come spend the day at one of our areas best kept secrets! We will be having a car show on the parking lot, and lunch at the 1950s diner nestled in the middle of an amazing collection of cars. Bring your chairs and drinks. Lunch will be in the diner and cost \$6.00 per person. Address: 10623 Baur Blvd, Creve Coeur, MO 63132

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 3 --- 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)

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| Spouse's Name: | | Wedding: |
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| Please mail your application and / or chap | oter dues to our treasurer: | |
| Pete Nathan, # 1 Huntleigh Trails Lane, St. | Louis, MO 63131 – Phone: 314-413- | 2966 |
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Buick Club of America

Application for Membership

www.buickclub.org

The Buick Club of
America is a non-profit
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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 |
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| 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-M | embership is an online ard copy — email requ | Bugle only; iired) |

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

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