

Carl Schmiehausen

This month's "Member Spotlight" focuses on Carl Schmiehausen. Carl joined the Buick National Club in the 70's and joined the Gateway Chapter 10 years ago. Carl held the office of Assistant Director for a few months until an election was held to elect a new Assistant Director.

Carl currently owns a beautiful 1929 Buick Model 116 four door sedan, which he restored himself. He says he'll never restore another car, because it is too much hassle. When asked which his all time favorite car was, Carl said that it was his 1959 Buick Invicta convertible which was red with a white top. He bought this car in his senior year in high school (1961). He owned it for two and half years before it was stolen; the thieves wrapped it around a tree, totaling the car. He said there were a lot of memories with that car.

Carl was a truck driver for Be-Mac truck lines for 28 years, then another 3 years with the CF truck lines. After retiring, Carl worked as a construction estimator for another 8 years.

Carl's hobbies are wood and metal working in that great workshop he built in his back yard.

It's hard to say just when Carl became interested in old cars. But, it was obvious he had an eye for classic cars when he bought his Invicta in 1961.

Carl and Karen have been married 44 years. They have four children and seven grand children whom they enjoy very much.

Many members remember the BBQs hosted by the Schmiehausens at their previous home in Florissant, as well as the one in August. Some probably were there but didn't remember it the next day!

Carl joined the Marines after he graduated from high school and served four years (1961 – 1965) as a musician. He played all the woodwind instruments. He was stationed in CA, and was fortunate to play in three Rose Bowl Parades. Thanks Carl for your service to our country.

