



Gateway Gazette

Monthly Newsletter of the St Louis Chapter Buick Club of America

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Director's Letter

August 2020

Greetings,

Well, folks, I had a little trouble this month trying to decide on a theme to start my Director's letter:

“On the road again” ~ or ~ “I’m back in the saddle again”

But in the end, I think Gene Autry says it the best in the next line of his song;
“I’m back in the saddle again, **out where a friend is a friend**”

So, regardless if you're a fan of Willie Nelson or Gene Autry, it sure was great to be back together again with our Buick friends at our annual Love Park event.

For those of you who missed it; Monica and Ted did an excellent job of capturing the event in the following Gazette. See Monica's notes from the Member's Check-in, in the monthly minutes, and enjoy Ted's photos that follow. 27 members attended the meeting and picnic, and thanks to the Covid-thing we had to skip the club BBQ, shared dishes, and homemade desserts. Everyone brought their lunch, and as you will see in the pictures, all wore masks and did an excellent job with Social Distancing.

2020 Heartland Regional:

- **Registrations and Attendance:** I receive calls, emails, and text messages weekly requesting information on the Regional. And the most often asked question is: “is it still on?”

- Two weeks ago, Ted Becker, Editor, started an 8-week count-down to the 2020 Heartland Regional. Each week he sends a reminder to the Heartland Chapters, along with tourist information on the St. Louis Region. In the final four weeks, he plans to plug the venues scheduled for the event.
- **PLEASE: Gateway members, if you have not registered, do so now...!!! Thank You!**
- **Goody Bags, Door Prizes, and Raffle Items:**
 - Special thanks to Mark Kistner, for all the goodies he received this month from Gates Rubber.
 - With less than two short months to go, please hit the streets and see what you can scrounge up.
- **Off-Site Trailer Parking:** Damien Flaherty has been contacting business around the **Doubletree by Hilton Hotel – Chesterfield** to secure off-site parking for car trailers. Last week Damien received confirmations from; the Chesterfield Athletic Club which is adjacent to the hotel property as our primary location for trailer parking, and the Chesterfield City Hall, which is around the corner from the hotel and will be used as overflow parking. **Damien, excellent job, and THANK YOU!**

Club Dues are Past Due: To everyone who has paid, **Thank You!**

- If you have not paid, please mail a check payable to “**STL Gateway Chapter – BCA**” to Pete Nathan, 1 Huntleigh Trails Lane, St. Louis, MO 63131

Upcoming Events:

- August 3rd – Monthly Meeting -- Sports Café in Bridgeton, Yes Really...
- August 29th – September BBQ, Monthly Meeting & 2020 Work Party at Chet and Jeanne’s Home

Final Reminders:

- Pay Your Dues
- Register for the Heartland Regional
- Hit the streets and beg for Goody Bag and Door Prize items
- Wash your hands, wear your masks, and stay healthy.

All for now

Enjoy!

Chet

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes, July 12, 2020

- The July meeting and picnic were held at Love Park in Ballwin, MO, and was facilitated by Chet Palumbo, Director. **27** Members were present.
- Chet opened the meeting with **The Pledge of Allegiance** of the United States and thanked everyone for attending.
- **In compliance with Covid-19 Guidelines**, our annual BBQ, with the Club providing the meet and members sharing sides were replaced with a Picnic where members brought their picnic lunch and drinks. Also; members were asked to wear masks when not eating, the Club provided Masks, Gloves, and Hand Sanitizer to those who forgot. Everyone enjoyed themselves sitting socially distanced with masks chatting nonstop.
- **March Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Geoff Lockett to approve the March Meeting Minutes, second by Bob Brasses, and approved by all.
- Chet thanked everyone who has contributed to the “Pandemic Issues” of the Gazette and he especially would like to see the **“What’s Happening Around Gateway Buickland”** section to continue. Our newsletter receives lots of compliments from other clubs nationwide.
- New Member Andrew Haberern was welcomed into the club. He has just purchased his first classic car a 1956 Buick 56R with some very cool modifications. It was revamped with an Olds 350 engine and a 1980 Le Sabre front clip giving him power brakes, power steering and AC and great acceleration. He’s been chasing some electrical gremlins and found wiring shorts due to poor wrapping. His car is a classic sky blue and white two tone.

Member News:

- Dave Smith is in DePaul Hospital, Bridgeton, MO, good news is, he is out of ICU and slowly showing signs of improvement. He is soon to go to a long-term care facility for more recovery time.
- Sherrie Dodson, receiving chemo treatments
- Doug Bremer is home and doing well following surgery
- Get well cards were available for all to sign.
- Ted Becker’s Tech Article on **“Coolant Bypass Lines”** recently published in the Gazette, was also featured in this month’s newsletter for the Buick Rod and Custom Association, Plus, he will have two of his articles featured in upcoming Bugles.

Member Check-in:

- Scott Keller’s ’89 Reatta has a mysterious misfire which he’s been hunting down through spark plug wires, ignition and injectors. He reports parts for this Buick are hard to find,
- Ted Becker had his Eureka! moment fixing his ’57 Special’s coolant bypass problem. He wrote up his story of the repair for the Gazette and it will also be published in the Bugle. Recently he lubed the multitude of grease fittings on the car and reported it was not fun to do without a lift.
- Pat Bulfin’s ’65 Skylark is perking right along.
- Bob Brasses’s ’55 Special is on a trickle charger and ready to roll anytime.
- Aaron Ford is a collector of Buicks as well as many other rare eclectic cars. He recently found a ’36 Hupmobile in Sarasota, FL original to the owner’s family. He and Rhonda loaded the frame with partial body, all the parts and hauled it home.
- Bill Landers’ ’62 Electra 225 has the legendary Buick transmission leak that he will investigate. He and Ginny are enjoying the ’90 Reatta as a hiatus from hanging around home so much.

- Al Tornabeni reports that the brakes are working on his '36 Buick coupe but the engine needed to be rebuilt for the second time and its up on blocks now.
- Steve Dodson plans on selling his '57 Mercury soon. The '68 Electra is in classic status quo.
- Pete Nathan reports that his '35 Buick is perfect. And he introduced his new friend, Nancy, who he met when she attempted to keep up to his pace when mall walking.
- Geoff Lockett continues to fine tune and adjust the mechanics of his '49 Super with brakes line improvements and wiring upgrades. He also has taken up the hobby of learning the programming of a 3D printer. Using the CAD program, a picture of a part can be printed, scanned and then a plastic casting made in order to produce a solid metal part. Geoff says this is a very rewarding pastime.
- John Midkiff is adding new weather stripping on the trunk of his '66 Skylark GS. For a lark, he and Angie took the Skylark to a Corvette meet up and were the hit of the get together. Angie announced that she is officially retired.
- Mark Kistner has sold his '70 GS hardtop. And with the help of Adam Martin, Mark succeeded in fixing the convertible top on his other '70 GS.
- John Lasinski has his '71 GS 455 convertible on a trickle charger ready to go. Recently he bought a boat to entertain himself and the family during the current pandemic doldrums.
- Bob Windal is continuing with flood damage repair on his '70 GS with new carpeting and door panels.
- Monica Ledwon reported that after running a club email ad for two free snow tires mounted on 14inch 5 bolt pattern steel wheels formerly used on her '85 Regal, Doug Bremmer snapped them up for his '86 GN Regal.
- Chet Palumbo is working on his '37 Special with steadfast help from Jeannie. The doors are almost done and he is on the hunt for vent windows.

Treasurer's Report: (Pete Nathan).

- **Club Account:**
- **50/50 Charity Fund:**
- **Regional Account:**
- **Motion made by Geoff Lockett to accept the Treasurer's Report, second by, Bob Windal approved by all.**

BCA Club News:

- **National News:**
 - **2020 National Meet, Strongsville, OH, July 15 – 18, 2020 - CANCELLED**
 - **New Board Members: Jerry Courson, Melanie Mauser, and Bob Starzyk.**
 - **2021 50th Buick National Dual Meet Celebration**
 - **Charlotte, NC June 30th – July 3rd, 2021 (Concord, NC)**
 - **Cleveland, OH, July 7th – 10, 2021 (Strongsville, OH)**
 - *STL to Concord = 789 miles / 12Hours,*
 - *Concord to Cleveland = 525 miles / 8 hours,*
 - *Cleveland to STL 600 miles / 9 hours.*
 - ***Total = 1,905 miles / 29 hours.***
- **Regional News:**
 - **2020 Heartland Regional Meet, Chesterfield, MO. September 10 – 12, 2020**
 - All hands on deck...!!! Scott Keller suggested possibly contacting Gateway Raceways to book reserved track time during the Regional one evening for those interested in putting their Buick engines through the paces.

- Gateway Buick Performance Chapter (BCA).
 - No updates at this time. They meet the second Sunday of the month, so they are also meeting today at Café Telegraph on Telegraph Rd.

Old Business:

TRIVIA:

- What is due on May 1st of each year? **Answer: Membership Dues.**
- Who won the 50/50 at our last meeting? \$79.00 total, with \$38.00 going to Pete Nathan
- Who has not paid their Dues? **Answer: Pete Nathan.**
- 2020 Dues are Past Due – See Pete Nathan.

Name Tags: (Pete Nathan)

- See Pete if you have not received your nametag or if you would like to order one, \$7.00 each.
- Chet requesting everyone to have one for the 2020 Heartland Regional

New Business:

- **2020 Heartland Regional Event:**
 - Host Hotel: Doubletree Hilton in Chesterfield, MO, September 10 - 12th.
 - Last month, Pete, Bill, Chet met with our Host Hotel and they assured us they are following St. Louis County's Covid-19 guidelines, and we reviewed how the guidelines affected our set-up and our contract:
 - They are taking all the extra steps required for cleaning and sanitation.
 - Free Breakfast Buffet with omelet station; a Free Breakfast will be provided, but no Buffet or omelet stations. We are still working on the details...
 - Ballroom; to meet guidelines for social distancing and the 50% capacity limit, we will limit seating, six to a table, and we may open up the adjoining ballroom to distance the tables.
 - Masks are required inside all the time and are required outside when Social Distancing is not possible (bottom line – best to wear your mask at all times).
 - Sponsorship: St. Louis Buick Dealer Advertising Association.
 - Featured Vehicles: Convertibles and Modifieds.
 - **2020 Activities**
 - Tours; Fast Lane Classic Cars Inc., old St. Charles with a guided tour by Joseph Yochim, Box lunch and Daniel Boone's Home, driving tour of MO wine country, end at Chandler's Winery
 - As of July, Chet verified that all Venues are open and have us on their schedule.
 - Daniel Boone may need to restrict the number of guests who can enter the home for a guided tour, wear masks when in the home, no restrictions on the grounds, verified no charge for the pavilion, but we must clean up.
 - Fast Lane will require anyone entering the gift shop to wear a mask.
 - **Registration Update** (Bill Landers and Pete Nathan)
 - Bill reported that there are 40 Event registrations, plus we have 20 guest who have hotel reservations but have not registered.
 - **Goody Bags:** Probably not, plan to include items in Registration Packets, \$5.00 Gift Cards from O'Reilly's and Magnets from Rock Auto, plus we will have some items available for guests to pick up.
 - **Door Prizes:** Everyone start soliciting now
 - **Raffle Items:** five (5) or less, must be nice and must be pre-approved.

- Chet will maintain a list and post updates of items collected and follow-up with “Thank You” letters.
- **July 6th**, update sent to the Heartland Chapters reminding them that the Regional was still on and that the Hotel and we were following Covid-19 guidelines as published by St. Louis County. Registration Forms and Covid-19 Guidelines were provided with the email.
- **July 10th**, a letter was mailed to The St. Louis Buick Dealers thanking them for their ongoing support of our Chapter, along with an Invitation to attend the Heartland Regional
- **50/50 Drawing proceeds will be donated to Shriner’s Hospital.**
- **\$20.00 Swap Meet**, for all items donated to the club over the years, if you have anything you would like to donate, all proceeds will go to the Shriner’s Hospital.
- **Trailer Parking, Ted Becker...???**Ted will be checking with offsite businesses for these parking needs.
- **2020 Regional Shirts**
 - Available for sale, see Chet. Tee Shirts \$15.00 and Polo Shirts \$20.00
 - **New order available – smaller sizes now in stock**
- Online Link for 2020 Hotel Reservation is now available:
 - https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/S/STLSCDT-GCB-20200910/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG
- The Wheels of Motion Charity event is the Sunday following the Heartland Regional. Bill Landers suggested we promote this show with ours. Chet contacted Elliot Cytron, head of Wheels of Motion event, and as soon as their fliers are available, he will forward them to us for distribution.
- Trophies will be ordered close to the last minute. Three divisions: Best in Class, 2nd and 3rd

PAST Events (recap): (none)

Upcoming CLUB Events:

*****September 13th --- Wheels in Motion Car Show – West Port Plaza.....?????????**

- **STATUS: Still not decided, Elliot Cytron says the local merchants have agreed to support it, but they have not obtained a permit for the event. He hopes to be able to let me know within the week.**
- 9:00 am – 4:00 p.m.
- 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
- [Ted Becker and Geoff Lockett are taking the lead on this event]

*****August 29th – September BBQ, Monthly Meeting & 2020 Work Party at Chet and Jeanne’s Home**

- Starts at 11:00 am, Eating at Noon
- Pot Luck Style – Club will provide the meat, Members bring sides/desserts.
- **What do we do, proceed as normal with BBQ and members bringing sides or go Covid-Style with everyone bringing their lunch...???**
- **ANSWER IS: Club provides meat and Members bring their own sides and/or dessert.**
AND: if any member feels uncomfortable sharing sides, they are still encouraged to attend and are welcome to bring their lunch.

Upcoming Events (OTHER):

- **August 7th – Wentzville Cruise Night, Pierce Blvd.**
 - **\$10.00 Donation** benefits D.A.R.E, Sponsored by Harris Tire
 - **6:00 – 9:00 PM**
- **Memories on Main in Troy has been cancelled.**

50/50 Drawing: (No 50/50 drawing due to Covid regulations on keeping things clean and touch free.)

Next Meeting:

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- Dinner at 6:00 p.m. meeting at 7:00 p.m.
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- <https://www.sportscafe.biz/>

Motion to adjourn made by, Pat Bulfin, Seconded by Bob Brasses. Approved by all at 1:30p.m.



August Birthdays

Gary Heim
Kitty Lasinski
Kristina Richards
Patrick Bulfin
Vera Self



August Anniversaries
Ted & Mary
Becker



Member Spotlight

Greg Key

By Ted Becker

This month's Gazette features long time member, Greg Key. We see Greg almost every year when he fires up his 1965 Riviera for the Easter Show. Greg's story is all about St Louis and a life built on determination.



GREG AND THE RIV AT THAT COLD COLD 2008 EASTER SHOW

Born and raised in North St Louis County, he was fortunate to have met the love of his life in Grade School. There was this really cute girl named Angie Bisesi who caught his eye and he was hooked from first sight. They moved on to Rosary High School, which has now been renamed Trinity. As their teenage mutual fascination grew, Greg visited Angie at her house from time to time. One day, Greg was talking to Angie's dad, Steve Bisesi.

Greg told Steve that he really like cars and had a particular desire to own a Mustang. As their conversation progressed, Steve showed Greg a pile of blankets in his garage with an unknown car under this covering. "OK", asked Greg, "what is it?". No answer! Greg begged to see it, but Steve would not relent. Over the next year or so, this scenario was repeated several times. Total frustration for Greg.

One fine day when Greg was about 16, the day arrived for the unveiling. Under that heap of blankets was a black 1965 Buick Riviera with those unique clamshell headlights. "Oh Wow", thought Greg "Now that is cool!" Steve had bought the car in 1972 for his wife "Micki" to use as a daily driver. When he tired of the car, rather than selling it, he had put it in the garage under all those blankets and sheets. When Steve offered a chance to help him clean it up and get it ready for a revival from its long slumber, Greg jumped on the opportunity. After several

days of effort, it was ready for the long-awaited chance to enjoy a cruise. Steve behind the wheel and Greg in the shotgun seat, it was absolute heaven. This event was oft repeated until Steve finally let Greg take the wheel.

They began to go to local car shows and Steve met up with some of the Gateway Buick club guys and decided to join up, with Greg joining as well. They became active members and regularly attended meetings and events.

Greg and Angie were married at the age of 22 and began their life together. They moved to South St Louis County where they have lived continuously. Along the way, their marriage produced 2 boys, who Grandpa Steve absolutely adored. He took the boys to car shows and regular cruises in the Riviera.



Shortly before his marriage, Greg took a job with Union Electric, which is now Ameren. As the saying goes, “Ya gotta start somewhere”, he began as a janitor at the Portage Des Sioux power plant. He showed enthusiasm and

promise to the management and was selected to go into the Machinist Apprentice program. After 9 years as a Machinist, Greg was promoted into various management positions. He now serves as a Purchasing Agent in the natural gas division of Ameren.

Greg’s beloved father in law, Steve, passed away in 2002. Though still retaining the title, Greg’s mother in law told him that he could have the car for his use. Over the years, he has performed several upgrades for safety and reliability. As he received the car, it had one of those problematic Rochester 4-barrel carburetors. Starting the big 401 Nailhead engine with that carburetor was always a challenge. Pump the gas 3 times to squirt some gas into the cylinders and set the choke, then crank. Repeat twice if it does not start. If the third time is not a charm, a fourth will only result in flooding. Should that happen, let it sit for 15 minutes and start over.

One fine day, Greg was out with the family driving around and stopped at Ted Drewes for some refreshment. In his haste to get the family back home, he made the fatal mistake of a 4th attempt. Anxious to get back home, he only made matters worse. OK, AAA to the rescue. When he got home, he got his car catalogs out and ordered an Edelbrock carburetor with an electric choke. He has never had an issue since. He also upgraded the air conditioning system to R134 and installed radial tires. A dual master cylinder and disc brakes now completes his upgrade to a car that he and the family can enjoy about 1000 miles a year. Greg and Angie still make those trips to Ted Drewes on a regular basis with their 2 two grandsons.

His other passion with powered equipment is boats. Boats have always been a part of his life and are an equal passion as it is with cars. He started a part time web-based business in 2005 selling boat accessories. The business has ebbed and flowed with the economy and the pandemic. Undeterred, he continues on with this hobby/business when he is not enjoying his Buick.

Though unable to join us at the Heartland Regional, we look forward to seeing Greg again at the 2021 Easter Show.



Greg's Riviera is as produced in 1965. Some choose to customize these beautiful cars. Here are a few examples of what others have done to their cars.



2020 Annual Picnic at Love Park

Finally!!! For the first time since our monthly March meeting, we were able to gather together as a club for a day of food, fellowship, and Buicks.

July 12, 2020 was the date for our annual club picnic at Love Park. This has been a long and continuously running event for many years, and we were happy to carry on our tradition. Fortunately, the normal St Louis summer heat stayed away, and the weather was just wonderful. St Louis County COVID restrictions require the use of masks and hand sanitizer for all public events. In keeping with those regulations, hand sanitizer was provided at each table and all wore masks when social distancing was not permitted. Restrictions also prevented our normal potluck meal format, so we all provided our own meal.

Though the photographer of the day (me) forgot to take pictures of the Buicks in attendance, the following Buicks were brought to the event: Pete Nathan – 35 4 door sedan, John and Angie Midkiff – 66 GS Convertible, Bill and Ginny Landers – 90 Reatta Convertible, Monica Ledwon – 85 Regal and Andrew Haberer – 56 Special 2 door hardtop.



Each table was provided with a bottle of hand sanitizer



Chet and Jeanne demonstrating the proper wearing of masks.



Ginny and Bill enjoying a day in their Reatta with all of their Buick friends.



Mark and Sheree enjoying their trip across the river to see the gang.



Yes, John, the barber shops are now open. Angie can take you there if you won't do it on your own.



John and Kitty spending some time away from their new boat to associate with friends who prefer land and 4 wheels on the ground.



Al smiling and looking positive even though his 36 Coupe is having the Nailhead Blues.



Scott can't wait to burn some high octane and put rubber down on the track.



Angie can't wait for Geoff to finish the wiring job on his 49 Sedanette.



New member, Andrew, getting acquainted with his new Buick friends while displaying his very cool 56 Special 2 door Hardtop



Patrick enjoying a day away from work to get advice on his Skylark project.



Monica getting her Regal out for a cruise and a day in BuickLand



Mayor Bob and First Lady Barb getting away from Fenton business for a day and showing off the oldest hat in the club.



Bob and Barb still being coy about setting a wedding date.



Pete introducing his friend Nancy to the club. Did we pass the test Nancy?



Ted and Mary looking colorful and looking forward to the Regional.



Chet conducting the meeting while Monica scribes the minutes.





The club is spellbound as the business of the club is capably led by Director, Chet.



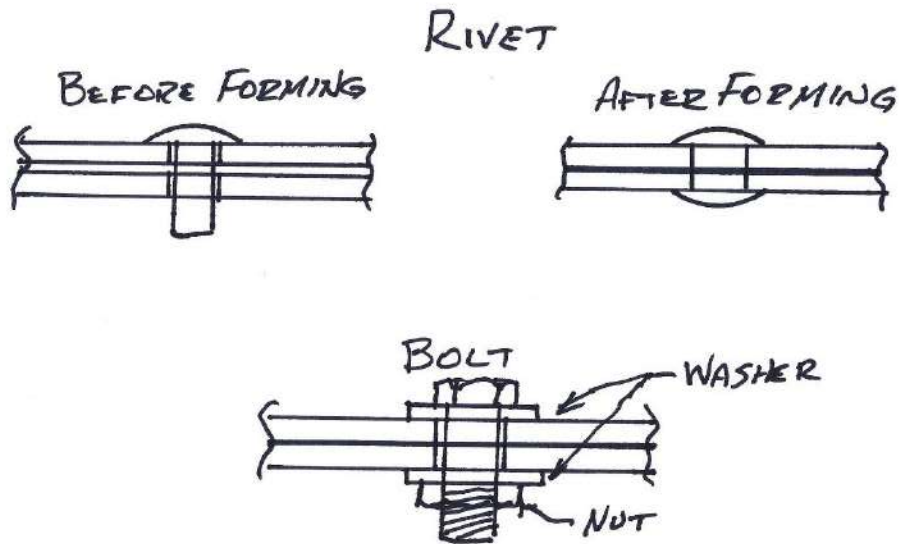
Bolts and Rivets

By Ted Becker

I was having a discussion with Patrick Bulfin at the picnic about the front end rebuild on his 65 Skylark. During the conversation, the question came up about replacing the ball joints. The ball joints on his car are attached to the lower A arm with rivets. So, the question came up as to how to remove the rivets and how to properly install the new joints with bolts.

Removing the old rivets is a pretty labor-intensive job. The rivet heads must first be ground down flush with the mounting surfaces. Then the rivet must be drilled prior to knocking it out with a punch and hammer.

To fully understand the function of a riveted joint and why they were used in the factory, a look at the sketch will provide an explanation.



Prior to forming, rivet is installed in holes provide in the parts to be joined. As you will see in the sketch, there is clearance between the shank of the rivet and the holes in the mating pieces. After forming, there are not only heads on both sides of the joint, but the shank has now expanded to eliminate any radial clearance between the holes in the mating pieces and the shank of the rivet. The end product is then a secure joint that both clamps the parts together with secure heads on both sides as well as the shank wedged in place to prevent any movement from side to side. Not only are riveted joints common on front suspension members but also used in bolting frame members together.

A bolted joint is somewhat similar, but a little different. As the sketch shows, a bolted joint (always use a washer under the bolt and nut) does the same job as a riveted joint in terms of

clamping the parts together. Again, referring to the sketch, you will see that there is still clearance between the shank of the bolt and the holes in the mating pieces. This is not necessarily a problem, but not as secure as a riveted joint.

In the case of Patrick’s ball joint replacement, it is not really possible to rivet the new joint in place. The alternative is bolting the pieces together. A bolted joint failure in a front suspension member can be one of the most catastrophic failures possible when driving a car down the road. As such, all precautions need to be made to prevent failure. I had a ball joint fail on my old high school 1956 Ford and it was a very scary experience not to ever be duplicated.

The first step in bolting the new joint in place is to use grade 8 bolts. These are readily available at most hardware stores such as Lowes, Home Depot, True Value, Ace, etc. Most grade 8 bolts are anodized a golden color and are identified by the 6 slashes on the top of the head. When installing the bolts and nuts (with hardened grade 8 washers) it is imperative to properly torque the bolts to the recommended amounts. Refer to the attached chart for torque limits for various grade bolts. Since the bolt joint bolts are probably 5/16-18, the proper torque is 24 ft-lb. If the threads are lubed, the torque is a little less at 18 ft-lb.

SUGGESTED ASSEMBLY TORQUE VALUES						
Diam & Thrds Per Inch	SAE GRADE 2 -6"		SAE GRADE 5		SAE GRADE 8	
	Dry FT. LB.	LUB FT. LB.	Dry FT. LB.	LUB FT. LB.	Dry FT.LB.	LUB FT. LB.
1/4-20	5.5	4.2	8	6.3	12	9
1/4-28	6.3	4.7	10	7.2	14	10
5/16-18	11	8	17	13	24	18
5/16-24	12	9	19	14	27	20
3/8-16	20	15	30	23	45	35
3/8-24	23	17	35	25	50	35
7/16-14	32	24	50	35	70	50
7/16-20	36	27	55	40	80	60
1/2-13	50	35	75	55	110	80
1/2-20	55	40	85	65	120	90

One commonly asked question is whether or not to use Loctite on the threads. The short answer to that is that it is not necessary. However, it is acceptable if you so desire. A nut is not going to come loose if the joint is still secure. Some of the ways a secure joint could fail are:

1. The bolt is torqued beyond the limits shown in the chart, it will stretch to the point it no longer provides clamping.
2. Any of the metal in either of the joining pieces become deformed, thus losing the clamping.
3. Using a lesser grade washer that deforms under clamping.

If any of these occur, the load on the bolts is lost and the nut will subsequently come loose. Loctite will NOT hold a nut in place if there is no load on the joint!!!

One word of caution about using Loctite. This is a liquid and, as the chart shows, it serves as a lubricant. Thus, the applied torque on the bolts must be at the “Lubed” level.

Hope this give some insight into the differences between riveted and bolted joints and how to properly bolt a critical joint.

Gazette Centerfold



Kustom Korner

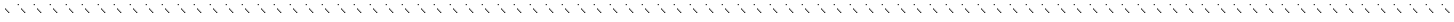


Love it or hate it? Admire it or reject as a travesty?

Believe it or not, this car (named “Spaced Out”) started life as a 1934 Buick 4 door sedan. The car was built by the famous custom car builder, Darryl Starbird, and sits in his museum in Afton, OK (www.darrylstarbird.com). Darryl’s signature is the bubble top that he hand makes for each car out of acrylic plastic in specially built molds.

Another Starbird custom car in the Buick line. A 1949 Buick Special sedanette.





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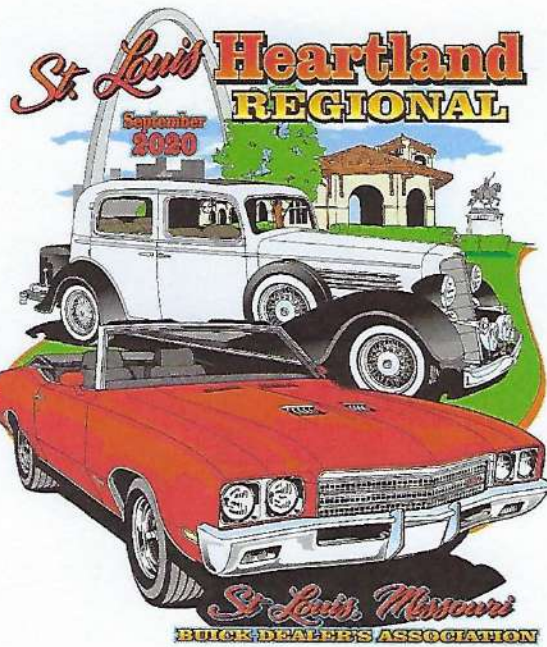
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November 2nd – Monthly Meeting / Salute to Veterans / Food Drive -- Sports Café in Bridgeton

- **Annual Salute to Veterans, with free cake for all.**
- **Bring canned or box foods for our Annual Food Drive**
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December 6th – Christmas Party / Toys for Tots Drive / Monthly Meeting

- Starts at 11:30 a.m.
- **The Old Spaghetti Factory**
- 17384 Chesterfield Airport Rd – Chesterfield, MO 63005 (636) 536-9522
- <https://www.osf.com/> o [Chet Palumbo reservations]
*** **Don't forget to bring a toy for Toys for Tots** ***



**Buick Club of America
2020 Heartland Regional Meet
September 10 – 12, 2020**

Hosted by the St. Louis Gateway Chapter

**Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Chesterfield,
MO**

Free Breakfast Buffet with omelet station
Starbucks coffee in the lobby

\$20.00 Heartland Special

\$20.00 Registration Fees, \$20.00 Banquet Fees,
\$20.00 Polo Shirts

Featured Vehicles

Convertibles and Modifieds

Tours

Tour Fast Lane Classic Cars and Historic St. Charles, MO. with driving tours to the Daniel Boone Home and through Missouri's Wine Country ending at Chandler Hill Winery.

Class Trophies

- Best In Class
- 1st Runner-up
- 2nd Runner-up

Specialty Trophies

- Best of Show
- Convertible - Best of Show
- Modified - Best of Show
- Dealer's Pick
- Hotel Pick
- Ladies Choice
- Long Distance

Classes

- A 1903 - 1942
- B 1946 - 1952
- C 1953 - 1958
- D 1959 - 1966
- E 1967 - 1972
- F 1973 - 1995
- G 1996 - 2008
- H REATTA
- I RIVIERA
- J TURBO
- K 1965 - 1975 GS
- M-1 MODIFIED - Mild
- M-2 MODIFIED - Resto-Rod
- M-3 MODIFIED - Radical

**Buick Club of America
2020 Heartland Regional Meet Registration
September 10 – 12, 2020 in Chesterfield, Missouri
Hosted by the St. Louis Gateway Chapter**

Members Name: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 BCA #: _____ Phone: () _____ - _____
 Your E-mail address _____

What names should we print on your nametags?
 Yours: _____ Spouse/guest: _____
 Your Chapter Affiliation (if any): _____

**Host Hotel
Doubletree by Hilton Hotel –
Chesterfield**

16625 Swingley Road
 Chesterfield, Missouri 63017-1798

To make a reservation call:
 636-532-5000

**Mention group name: "St. Louis Gateway
Chapter Buick Club of America"**

Check-in: 3:00 PM, Check-out: 12:00 Noon
Rooms: \$119 + ~16% tax
 • Rates apply to reservations by 08/21/2020
 • Rates apply 2 days before & after event
 • Rates include a complimentary hot
 Breakfast buffet for two (2)

Peer Judging

15 Classes: (through year 2008)
 A.(1903-'42) B.(46-'52) C.(53-'58)
 D.(59-'66) E.(67-'72) F.(73-'95)
 G.(96-2008) H. Reattas, I. Rivas,
 J. Turbo Regals, K. '65-'75 GSs
 M-1. Modified-Mild, M-2. Modified
 Resto-Rod, M-3 Modified-Radical,

Vehicle 1: Class _____
 Yr. _____ Model _____
 Body Style _____
Vehicle 2: Class _____
 Yr. _____ Model _____
 Body Style _____

Registration Choices

- **Banquet/Activity cutoff - Postmarked by 08/21/2020.**
- **Choose at least one registration category. You may choose more than one.**
- **No "display only" class, all cars on show field subject to peer judging.**

Entry and Guest w/o car \$20 _____

Entry and Guest with car \$20 _____

Additional Cars Qty. ____ @ \$20 ea. _____

Swap Meet / Car Corral Qty. ____ @ \$20 ea. _____ (10' X 20')

Will you need parking space for a trailer? (Yes/No) _____

Show and Tour Schedule

Thursday, Sept. 10 9:00 AM.....Registration Opens (Hospitality – Conference Room – D)
 1:00 PM.....Fast Lane Classic Cars and Tour Historic St. Charles
 7:00 PM.....Welcoming Party - Hors d'oeuvres, & beverages at no charge - # attending _____

Friday, Sept. 11 10:00 AM.....Driving Tour to Daniel Boone Home (Guided Tour of home – \$6:00 optional)
 12:00 (Noon)...Box Lunch at Daniel Boone Home **\$10.00 each, # attending ____ Total: \$ _____**
 1:00 PM.....Leave Daniel Boone Home, Driving Tour through Missouri Wine Country
 2:00 PM.....Chandler Hill Winery, wine tasting, relaxing and fellowship.

Saturday, Sept. 12 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM.....Peer Judging
 1:00 - 2:30 PM.....Regional Meeting – Return Judging Forms (Hospitality Room)
 6:00 - 7:00 PM.....Cocktail Hour - prior to Awards Banquet (Cash Bar – Great Room)
 7:00 - 10:00 PM.....Banquet: Beef Qty. ____, Chicken Qty. ____, Salmon Qty. ____
Total @ \$20.00 each: \$ _____

QUESTIONS? - Contact

Chet Palumbo – Show Director:
 636-443-5686 cpalumbo@centurytel.net
Bill Landers – Registration and Judging:
 636-916-3310 walanders@hotmail.com
Pete Nathan – Hotel:
 314-413-2966 phnauto@aol.com
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Jeanne Palumbo – Hospitality Room:
 636-443-5673 jpalumbo@centurytel.net

Event Apparel

*Available at:
Registration and Hospitality*

*White or Black Tee shirts,
With and w/o pocket.
All Sizes: \$15.00*

*White or Black Polo shirts
All Sizes: \$20.00*

**NOTE: No cancellation
refunds after 8/21/2020.**

TOTAL AMOUNT

**Include; Registration, Box Lunch and
Banquet: \$ _____**

Mail this form with your check or money
 order payable to: St. Louis Gateway Chapter
 BCA 2020, to the following address:

**William Landers - BCA 2020
66 Summit Point Ct.
Saint Charles, MO 63301**



GATEWAY CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND PROFILE SHEET

**Annual Dues: \$25.00 to the Gateway Chapter,
Renewed: May of each year**

(BCA Membership also required 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 _____
 Email (required): _____
 Profession: _____ Employer: _____ years _____
 Spouse's Profession: _____ Employer: _____ years _____

Buick Club of America Information: <http://www.buickclub.org/join/>

You are required to be a BCA member. BCA # _____ (required)
 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: _____

 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

