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# Gateway

## Monthly Newsletter of the St Louis Chapter

Buick Club of America

Director's Letter

February, 2020

Greetings,

**Holiday Party at C.J. Muggs:** Well, for those of you who missed it, we started the year off with our annual Holiday Party at C.J. Muggs. And just like last year, following a nice week of weather, we were blasted with a deep freeze and few inches of ice and snow. Even after our last-minute cancellations we still had 41 faithful members for an evening of fellowship, good food, and fun. Special thanks to Pete Nathan who provided us door prizes and to Ted Becker who provided name tags for all.

It was nice to welcome back Lifetime Member Mary Ann Meyer who assisted with the flag during **The Pledge of Allegiance**. In spite of the weather, we had several long haul members who were able to make it; Pat and Nancy Pinkston from Carrollton, IL, Richard and Vera Self from Bonne Terre, MO, and Gary and Janet Heim who drove over 90 miles from Middleton, MO. And finally, this was a "Buick Club" event, so we must give special recognition to Scott Keller for being the **ONLY** member to drive a Buick. Thanks, Scott.



Mary Ann Meyer and Pete Nathan holding Old Glory flag for recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

To recognize the folks who helped the club the most through-out 2019, **MVP awards** were presented to; Monica Ledwon for her work as club Secretary and for the member profiles she authored for the Gazette, and to Ted Becker for his work as Editor of the Gazette and all of the other little things he does for the club. Also recognized were Bill Landers and Pete Nathan for being my left and right hand men for all the support they give me though-out the year on club business, activities and the 2020 Heartland Regional, and especially to: Bill Landers for his work as Assistant Director and for managing the club's website, and to Pete Nathan for his work as Treasurer.

And for the annual award that no one wants to receive; Pete Nathan will transfer custodianship of the 2020 **Hard Luck Award** over to Bob Windal for his flooded out fleet of cars which included his GS convertible. Bob was not at the meeting but will receive the trophy at a later date.

**2020 Terms expire - Directors elected from the membership-at-large:** The terms for the following members expire in 2020; Richard Self, Dave Smith, and Geoff Lockett. Hopefully, all will stay on and continue to serve in 2020. If you are interested in any of these positions, please let me know.

**2020 Activities:** Other than the 2020 Heartland Regional scheduled in September, nothing out of the ordinary is planned for this year. As mentioned before, we do have conflicts with a couple of dates for this year's events, but we will do our best to keep everyone informed so none are missed.

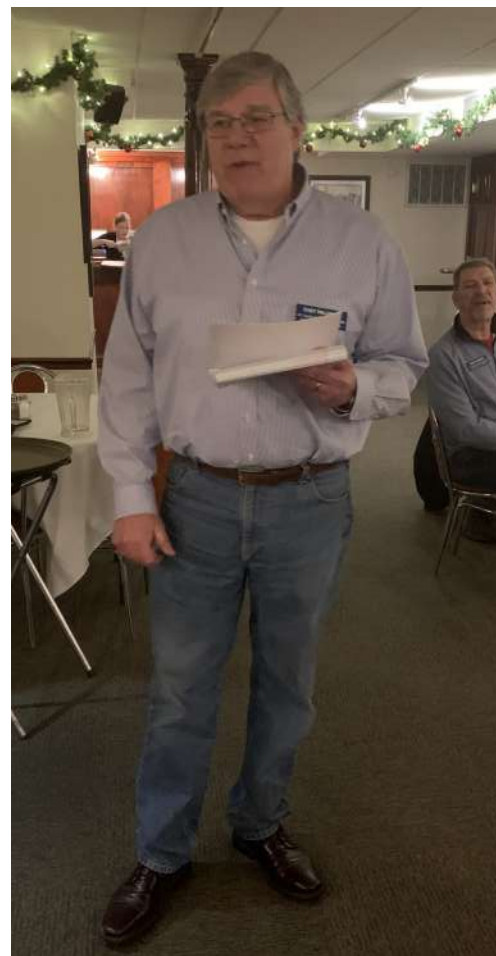
**And as a final note: RSVP's, Yes – THANK YOU...!!!** Everyone has done a great job this year in letting me know your plans for attending an event. This really helps with the planning of food and letting restaurants know how many folks to set up for. So thanks again!

Wishing each of you a blessed new year, and I look forward to seeing each of you at all of our upcoming events.

All for now...

Enjoy!

*Chet*



Director, Chet Palumbo conducting the meeting.

# *2020 Holiday Party Pictures*



Nancy and Pat Pinkston, John and Angie Midkiff and Monica Ledwon



Sherree Kistner, Sabina, Anna, Kitty and John Lasinski and Mark Kistner



Bob and Cheryl Merrick, Erica and Mark Meyer, Larry and Nancy Longworth



Pat Bulfin, Doug Bremer and Scott Keller



Pete Nathan, Steve and Sherrie Dodson,  
Mike Saputo, Bob and Barb Brasses



Chet and Jeanne Palumbo and Janet  
and Gary Heim (Long distance award  
recipients)



Mary Ann Meyer, Barb Knudsen,  
Gene Bossaler, Bill, Kay and Ginny  
Landers



Richard and Vera Self, Mary Becker and  
Geoff Lockett

# *Meeting Minutes*

## **Meeting Minutes, January 12, 2020**

- The January meeting was held at **CJ Muggs** in Webster Groves, and was facilitated by Chet Palumbo, Director. 41 Members were present.
- Chet opened the meeting with **The Pledge of Allegiance** of the United States and thanked everyone for attending.
- Special Recognition was paid to Gary and Janet Heim for driving 90 miles one way to our party with Pat and Nancy Pinkston driving 60 miles, and to Scott Keller for being the only member driving a Buick.
- A warm welcome was paid to MaryAnn Meyer being in attendance.
- The December Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Bob Brasses to approve the November Meeting second by Geoff Lockett and approved by all.

## **Member News:**

**No news updates were given at the meeting to shorten the meeting and extend party time.**

## **Treasurer's Report:** (Pete Nathan)

- Motion made by Steve Dodson to accept the Treasurer's Report, second by, Pat Bulfin approved by all.

## **BCA Club News:**

- **National News:**
  - ◇ 2020 National Meet, Strongsville, OH, July 15 – 18, 2020
    - \* *Southside of Cleveland, close to 600 miles, 9 hours from here, Room Rate: \$109.00*
- **Regional News:**
  - ◇ **2019 Regional Meet, Stillwater, Minnesota**, Hosted by the Fireball Chapter,
    - \* **Jim Jaeger reported that after repaying the seed money borrowed for the Regional, they made around \$1500.00 for the Region.**
  - ◇ **2020 Heartland Regional Meet, Chesterfield, MO.** September 10 – 12, 2020
    - \* All hands on deck...!!!
- **Gateway Buick Performance Chapter (BCA).**
  - ◇ January Meeting was today...
  - ◇ February meeting, JJ's Bar and Grill in O'Fallon, MO
  - ◇ Larry Longworth announced he and his contingent of performance enthusiasts were happy to be here with the Gateway Chapter.

## Old Business:

- **Name Tags:** (Pete Nathan)
  - ◇ Chet thanked Ted Becker for providing Name Tags again for everyone and if they were interested in owning their forever name tag – PLEASE see Pete.
  - ◇ See Pete if you have not received your nametag or if you would like to order one, \$7.00 each.
- **Website/Gazette “Every car has a story”** (Chet)
  - ◇ Still looking for stories. Chet asked members to consider sending a picture and writing a few lines about your favorite Buick ride.

## New Business:

- **2020 Heartland Regional Event:**
  - ◇ Host Hotel: *Doubletree Hilton in Chesterfield, MO. week on September 10<sup>th</sup>.*
  - ◇ Sponsorship: *St. Louis Buick Dealer Advertising Association.*
    - \* Featured Vehicles: *Convertibles and Modifieds.*
  - ◇ 2020 Activities
    - \* *Tours; Fast Lane Classic Cars Inc., old St. Charles with guided tour by Joseph Yochim, Box lunch and Daniel Boone’s Home, driving tour of MO wine country, end at Chandler’s Winery*
  - ◇ **Registration Update** (Bill Landers)
    - \* Bill reported that there are 8 registrations so far with 4 being local.
  - ◇ **Goody Bags: Plan for 150, everyone should begin soliciting items now**
  - ◇ **Door Prizes: Everyone start soliciting now**
  - ◇ **Chet will maintain a list and post updates of collected prize inventories.**
  - ◇ **Raffle Items, five (5) or less, must be nice, must be pre-approved.**
  - ◇ **2020 Regional Shirts Available for sale**, see Chet. Tee Shirts \$15.00 and Polo Shirts \$20.00
  - ◇ **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](https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/S/STLSCDT-GCB-20200910/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)
- **2020 Event Calendar:** (Chet)
  - ◇ **DRAFT emailed to membership January 8<sup>th</sup>**
  - ◇ **Discussion: We have some conflicts in dates**
    - \* **Our September Meeting is in August**
    - \* **And the Wheels in Motion Car Show is the Day after our Regional. We will need two volunteers to man the snow cone machine some time during this show at Westport.**
- **Where to Get Stuff Done:** (Ted Becker)
  - ◇ **To be published as a standalone document**
  - ◇ **Available on our website**
  - ◇ **Thank you, Ted,**

- **Request to give the Club's portion of the 50/50 Drawing to Charity.**
  - ◊ **Motion made by Bill Landers to hold 50/50 money out of the general fund and donate it to charity. Second by Steve Dodson, approved by all. Bob Merrick questioned the effect this will have on the club treasury and can we afford to set aside this amount of money. Chet responded that it would be around \$300-400 per year, would be held and maintained in the account and then only donated as needed.**

**PAST Events (recap): (none)**

**Upcoming CLUB Events:**

- **January 29<sup>th</sup> – Board of Directors Meeting, Pete Nathan's Home**
  - ◊ **Mandatory for Board Members,**
  - ◊ **Open to all, space is limited, please RSVP to Chet if you plan to attend.**
  - ◊ **Key topics for the agenda will include:**
    - \* 2020 Activities
    - \* 2020 Regional
    - \* 2020 Member at Large terms expire (Richard Self, Dave Smith, Geoff Lockett)
    - \* Your ideas and concerns...???
- **March 7<sup>th</sup> – “Paul Meyer Memorial Oil Spill” -- (Ladies Welcome)**
  - ◊ Greg's Auto Service and Repair
  - ◊ Saturday = Start at 11:00 a.m.
  - ◊ Food will be provided, please bring drinks and lawn chairs
  - ◊ Address: 11264 Midland Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63114 (314) 428-4000
  - ◊ <http://gregsautoservices.us/>

**Upcoming Events (OTHER):**

- **April 4<sup>th</sup> – Collector Car Trivia Night - Sponsored by the Archway Oldsmobile Club**
  - ◊ 7:00 pm – 11:00pm
  - ◊ We need eight for a table, \$160.00 per table (\$20.00 per person).
  - ◊ Location: American Legion 312, 2500 Raymond Drive, St. Charles, MO 63301
  - ◊ Charity event benefiting St. Louis Honor Flight & Animal Welfare
  - ◊ *If you are interested in attending, contact Ted Becker*

**50/50 Drawing: \$96 total, with \$48 going to Pat Pinkston.**

**Next Meeting:**

**February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Monthly Meeting - Sports Café in Bridgeton**

Dinner at 6:00 p.m. meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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### **Recognition of 2020 MVPs: (Chet Palumbo)**

- Monica Ledwon, recognized for her work as Club Secretary and for the member profiles she authored for the Gazette
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- Chet recognized Bill Landers and Pete Nathan for being his left- and right-hand men for all the support they give him though out the year on club activities and the 2020 Heartland Regional.
  - ◊ Bill Landers, Assistant Director, 2020 Heartland Regional, and website
  - ◊ Pete Nathan, Treasurer, 2020 Heartland Regional

Each was presented with an engraved plaque for MVP 2019



Ted Becker, Monica Ledwon, Pete Nathan and Bill Landers receiving their 2019 MVP awards.

### **2020 Hard Luck Award**

- Bob Winald for his flooded-out fleet of cars which included his GS convertible, presented by 2019 Hard Luck winner Pete Nathan.

### **Door Prizes: (Pete Nathan)**

- Pete Nathan ended the evening drawing numbers for door prizes.





February Birthdays

Bill Nolte  
Caryl Wilson  
Jeff Johnson  
Matthew Smyth  
Susan LaBantschnig

February Anniversaries

Jim & Dorris Hall  
  
Richard & Vera Self



# *Member Spotlight*

## *Mike Saputo*

*By Monica Ledwon*

Our Member Spotlight this month features Mike Saputo, a creative, self-made man with a special affection for a 1966 Electra convertible.

Mike was raised in south St. Louis and graduated from Bishop Dubourg High School. He attended St Louis Community College Meramec Campus and received an Associate degree in Commercial Art.

His first interest in cars developed from a brand identification game he and his brother played when making the long trek in a 1961 Chevy Nomad station wagon north to Jennings to see his grandma. They would position themselves in the rear facing back seat and name the models that zoomed by them.

His first car, the beast as Mike refers to it, was a 1956 Ford Fairlane, and also a blast to drive. It was tricked out with functional hood scoop, and fender skirts cut out to allow for bigger racing tires, powered by a 292c.i. Y block engine. Having a mechanic for a friend whose brother-in-law was even more well versed in engine modification, Mike had them help him transplant a 390 c.i. engine from a '67 Ford station wagon into his Fairlane. He had many a wild ride with this car until he retired it to move on to other Fords.



For a time, Mike owned a very cool a '66 T Bird with landau top. He was attracted to the bells and whistles of the lux interior and of course the sequential rear signal lights. Later he drove a 1969 Ford Galaxie XL convertible, a mean machine with an intimidating front grille. He was from then on forever smitten with the convertible body style.

Upon perusing the newspaper's classified car ads one day, a favorite pastime of any car nut, he came upon an ad for a 1966 Electra convertible for sale. Mike was immediately drawn to this Buick convertible's style and captivated by its road manners. He remembered driving his dad's '59 Le Sabre as a young'un and the solid ride of that car. So, this

'66 Electra became his comrade. It stayed by his side for twenty-two years accompanying him on many a ride in the country to contemplate night skies and surrounding moonlit rural landscapes.



Mike's Painting of his great-niece



Mike and the Boney Goat Band perform at the 40th Anniversary Picnic



Mike's introduction to the car world with his 56 Fairlane about to get a bigger engine installed.



Mike's 1966 Buick Electra convertible

Mike has been a self-employed gardener and landscaper most of his life driving a long running road warrior, a 1992 Toyota Previa to haul his equipment. But he also has a very artistic side and has enjoyed much success selling his paintings, portraits and being contracted out for wall murals. He even had stints with a sports shop, carving miniature mascots for teams in wood that were then pressed into a mold to make a trophy.

Mike's other pastime is music. He teaches banjo lessons and has his own band, the eclectic Bony Goats. The Bony Goats have even played at the Sheldon. And for our club picnics, he always supplies the entertainment of his old timey acoustic mountain music.

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When cruising through the Horseless Carriage Club's Forest Park Easter show one year, Mike met John Pegg and Jeff Watkins who introduced him to the Gateway Chapter Buick Club. He has faithfully stayed with us even after the departure of the '66 Electra. After 22 years, time finally took its toll on the car and Mike did not have quite the enthusiasm to undertake the full restoration project that it would require. So today Mike enjoys our club events, is still loyal to all Buicks and is a pleasure to see at many club gatherings.

Editor Comments:

The car that Mike owned is the same model car that Jayne Mansfield was riding in when she was killed. The following article describes the accident:

***Blonde bombshell actress Jayne Mansfield is killed instantly on June 29, 1967 when the car in which she is riding strikes the rear of a trailer truck on U.S. Route 90 east of [New Orleans, Louisiana](#).***

***Mansfield had been on her way to New Orleans from Biloxi, [Mississippi](#), where she had been performing a standing engagement at a local nightclub; she had a television appearance scheduled the following day. Ronald B. Harrison, a driver for the Gus Stevens Diner Club, was driving Mansfield and her lawyer and companion, Samuel S. Brody, along with three of Mansfield's children with her ex-husband Mickey Hargitay, in Stevens' 1966 Buick Electra. On a dark stretch of road, just as the truck was approaching a machine emitting a thick white fog used to spray mosquitoes (which may have obscured it from Harrison's view), the Electra hit the trailer-truck from behind. Mansfield, Harrison and Brody were all killed in the accident. Eight-year-old Mickey, six-year-old Zoltan and three-year-old Marie, or Mariska, had apparently been sleeping on the rear seat; they were injured but survived.***

In the aftermath of this accident, government regulations required the use of structure on the rear of a trailer to prevent cars going under the bed of a trailer in a similar accident. These bars are commonly referred to as "Mansfield Bars".



# *Liars, Cheats and Scoundrels*

**By Ted Becker**

Something about lying and cheating seems to be in our DNA as humans. It is so prevalent in our world now and throughout all time. This is at the forefront of the news currently in the wake of the sign stealing scandal involving the Houston Astros. Drawn into this web is also the Boston Red Sox and now our own Tony LaRussa has been accused of committing dastardly activities in his days with the Chicago White Sox.

Well, it is a good thing that we can immerse ourselves in the car world where cheating is totally non-existent! Yea, I didn't think I could fool you with that one. Actually, cars, specifically car racing, seems to set the standard for either clever or blatant means of cheating.

Lets start with the beginning of how car racing began. A couple of reasons stand out. Competition and winning seems to be part of who we are. Think of the Roman chariot races as depicted in the movie Ben Hur. There was a strong desire to win the race and a vicious means of obtaining a competitive advantage was employed to assure victory. Racing just seems to be who we are. I heard a guy making a presentation on tractor pulling and he was asked when was the first tractor pull competition. He replied "probably the day the second tractor was produced".

Another very practical reason to race cars is to promote the product and convince the buying public to purchase the model car that is successful on the race track. "Win on Sunday, Sell on Monday" As a side benefit of competitive car racing is the development to technologies to be applied to passenger vehicles. The most simplistic of these developments was the rear view mirror developed for the Indianapolis 500 race cars.

In the world of car racing and cheating, the name Smokey Yunick rises to the top of the heap. Smokey was an uneducated guy from Florida who was probably the sharpest mind in the history of engines and car racing. He did have a dark side about him in that he always considered a rule as something not necessarily to be adhered to but rather a challenge to circumvent. Two of Smokey's more notable examples can now be told.

Back in the middle 60's, he built a Chevelle that was a 7/8 scale model car. Since NASCAR was trusting that competitors were running cars that were essentially "stock" there was no means to check the body dimensions for compliance. The smaller car had an aerodynamic advantage since the frontal area was less, thus the power to push it through the air was less. Supposedly, this was not discovered until long after the race when the car was sitting next to new model Chevelle in the parking lot. Another of his escapades was

building an engine that rotated in the opposite direction, The torque reaction from applying power coming out of the corner was towards the inside of the curve rather than outside, thus this car handled much better coming out the corner. Similar Smokey stories abound and have been written in numerous books and magazine articles.

Well, you say, that could never happen with any Buick car as it would besmirch the good reputation of the Buick legacy. Actually, one of the more outrageous stories of cheating did come out of the Buick history book. I was very fortunate to have been able to hear the late Buick historian, Terry Dunham, make a presentation at the 2003 Buick Centennial Nationals in Flint, Michigan. The title of his presentation was “The Buick Race Cars from Hell.” It was a wonderful presentation from this very interesting man who we lost way too early.

The time was 1908, in the very early years of the American automobile industry. Though Dave Dunbar Buick was the founder of the Buick Motor Company, it was really the work of his Chief Engineer, Walter Marr, that set Buick apart from others in the fledgling auto industry. Walter was not granted a patent on the overhead valve engine (OHV), but he was by all intents and purposes the first to recognize the inherent breathing capability of this design and apply it to production cars. Buick remains the only US auto manufacturer which has never produced an “L head” AKA “flathead” engine in a production car. In order to show off the advantages of the OHV engine, he recognized that competing in auto races would be the best way to showcase this design.

Starting in 1908, there were Buicks entered in various races around the country. Though operating on a shoestring, the successes were pretty impressive. He knew that the Savannah Grand Prize race was coming up which would draw cars from both the US and Europe. He built a total of 4 cars for this race. There were two each based on the Model 10 and the Model 16 production cars. He bought a railroad box car and fitted it with a small machine shop and blacksmith facility to support the racing endeavor. The railcar also served the purpose of “command central” for the Buick team.

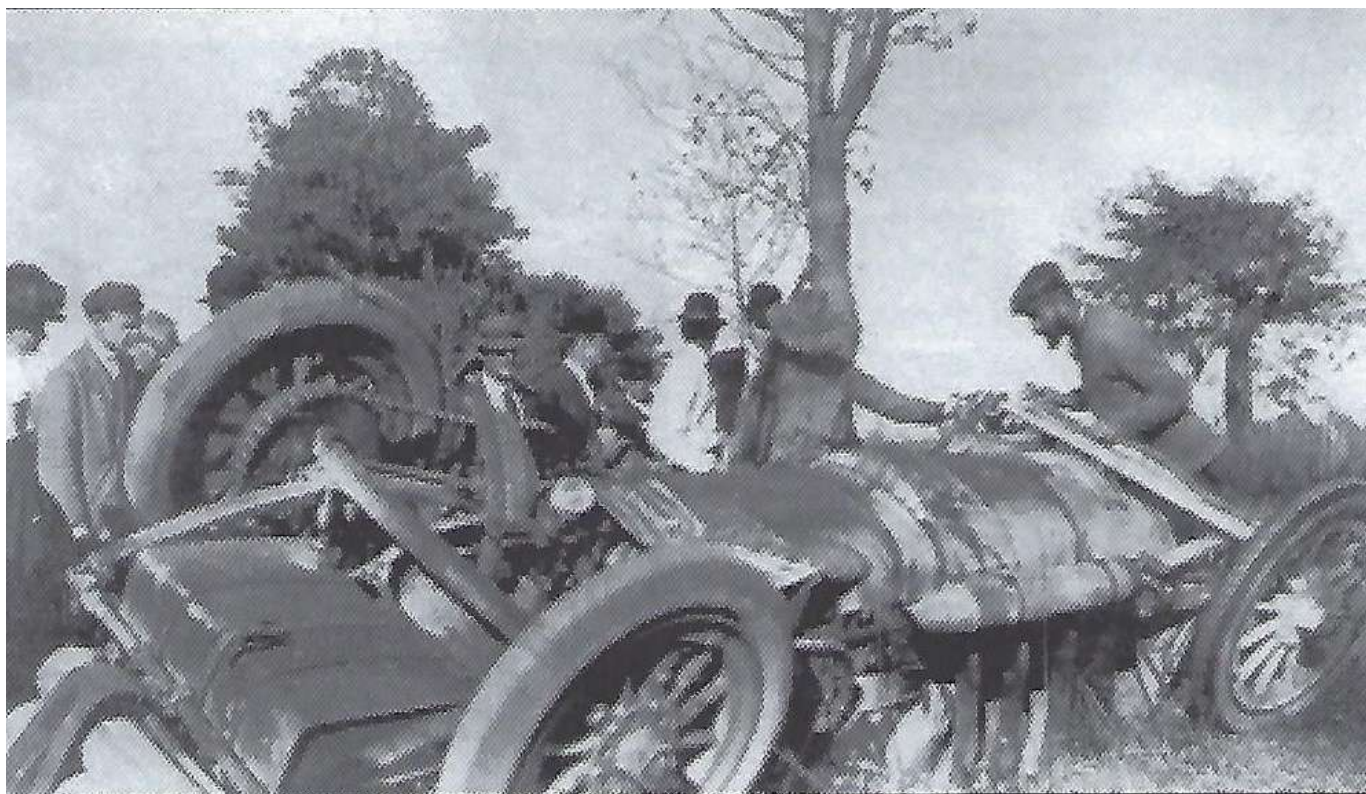
Though the cars appeared to be well set for the race, each car went out early in the race due to rear axle and suspension issues. Thus, the goal of winning the race and showing off the Buick did not come to pass, There was, however, a unique opportunity that presented itself that may not have been within the spirit of competition.

The German Benz cars were clearly the class of the field and swept most of the accolades. However, one of the Benz cars flipped over in a turn and was not able to complete the race. In those early days of racing, removing a disabled car from the racing surface was the responsibility of the team, which usually occurred either after the completion of the race or the next day. Fortuitously, the accident occurred right near where the Buick command post was located. The Buick team rushed to the scene of the wreck, ostensibly the

assist in the cleanup, but in actuality it was to inspect the car to see what the Germans had figured out in the suspension system that the Buick boys had not. Further to that, the Buick team came back later that night and, illuminated by lanterns, partially disassembled the car and thoroughly measured and documented the Benz suspension system. Since the Benz team was going to wait until daylight to remove the car from its resting spot, the Buick team was able to take their time to complete their nefarious but of espionage.

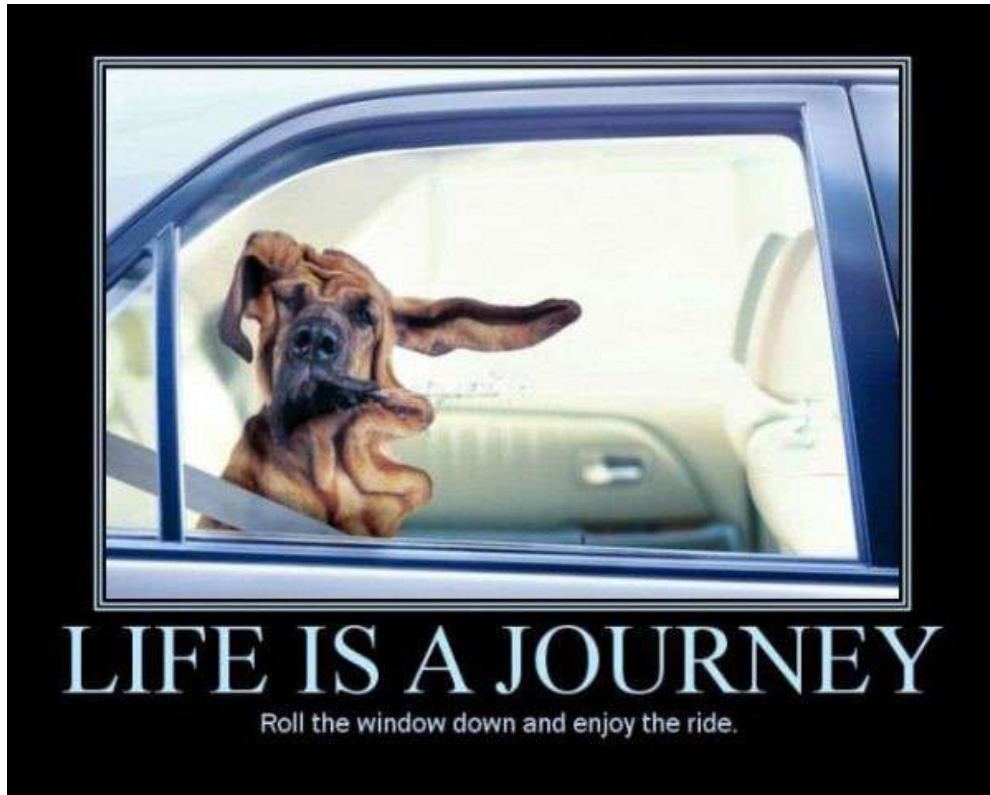
Upon their return to Flint, the knowledge obtained from the Benz was built into the stable of race cars for the upcoming year. Their efforts paid off handsomely as Buicks dominated the racing scene for the next 3 years and established Buick as car capable of competing against all others.

Well, so much for honor and integrity!



*Marr, at front with goatee, inspects the overturned Benz at Savannah in 1908.*

# Gateway Giggles



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# *Gazette Centerfolds*





## 2020 Full Year Event Details::

### *Tentative*

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#### **April 12<sup>th</sup> – Easter Car Show – Forest Park Muny Parking Lot** (Other: non-club event)

- Meet 8:30 a.m. at McDonalds, Leave McDonald’s at 8:45 a.m. to drive in together
- Address for McDonalds: 1420 Hampton Avenue, St Louis 63139 ○ Contact/ Payment = Pete Nathan...???

**May 1 – Club Dues are Due,  
\$25.00**

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**May 16<sup>th</sup> – Laura Buick GMC Car Show, (Tentative)**

- 11:00 am to 3:00 p.m. ○ Meet at 10:30 at 777 New Ballas Road (270/40) to cruise to Collinsville together ○ Address: 903 North Bluff Road, Collinsville, IL 62234 ○ Lunch will be provided.

**June 1<sup>st</sup>– Monthly Meeting -- Sports Café in Bridgeton**

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**July 12<sup>th</sup>– Club BBQ & Monthly Meeting at Love Park (Muffin Pavilion)**

- Starts at 11:00 a.m. ○ Address: 2248 Mason Lane, Ballwin, MO 63021 ○ Club will provide meat, Members should bring a side dish or dessert, drinks & chairs

**July 15 – 18, 2020: - 2020 National Meet, Strongsville, OH**

**August 3<sup>rd</sup>– Monthly Meeting -- Sports Café in Bridgeton**

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**August 8<sup>th</sup>– Memories on Main Car Show / Judging**

- Our club assists the Archway Olds Club with judging for this show.
- Arrive by 9:30 a.m., Judging starts at 10:00 a.m. ○ Lunch and Dinner will be provided. ○ Judges are welcome to enter their cars. ○ Address: Downtown, Troy 63379

**August 29<sup>th</sup>– 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 should bring a side or dessert

**September 7<sup>th</sup>– Labor Day 2020 - MONDAY**

**September 10 - 12, 2020: 2020 Heartland Regional Meet, Chesterfield, MO**

- Hosted by the STL Gateway Chapter, registration information in the Gazette

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

- 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 ○ **Must to be manned by a team that excludes; Chet Palumbo, Bill Landers and Pete Nathan**

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**November 2<sup>nd</sup>– Monthly Meeting / Salute to Veterans / Food Drive**

- **Annual Salute to Veterans, with free cake for all.** ○ **Bring canned or box foods for our Annual Food Drive** ○ Dinner at 6:00 p.m. meeting at 7:00 p.m. ○ Address: 3579 Pennridge Drive, Bridgeton, 63044 (314) 298-1631 ○ <https://www.sportscafe.biz/>

**December 6<sup>th</sup>– 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/>  
**\*\*\* Don’t forget to bring a toy for Toys for Tots \*\*\***

# *Car Corral*



Richard Self is selling his nice 1957 Buick Special 2 door sedan (Model 48).

The car has 50,000 original miles with the original, untouched, drivetrain. Car was recently repainted and the interior was replaced locally by Top Stich Interiors. Though not depicted in the picture, the car comes with period correct Coker wide whitewalls.

**Price: \$15,000**

For details, contact:

Richard Self

Phone: (573) 358-1608 or (314) 974-2336

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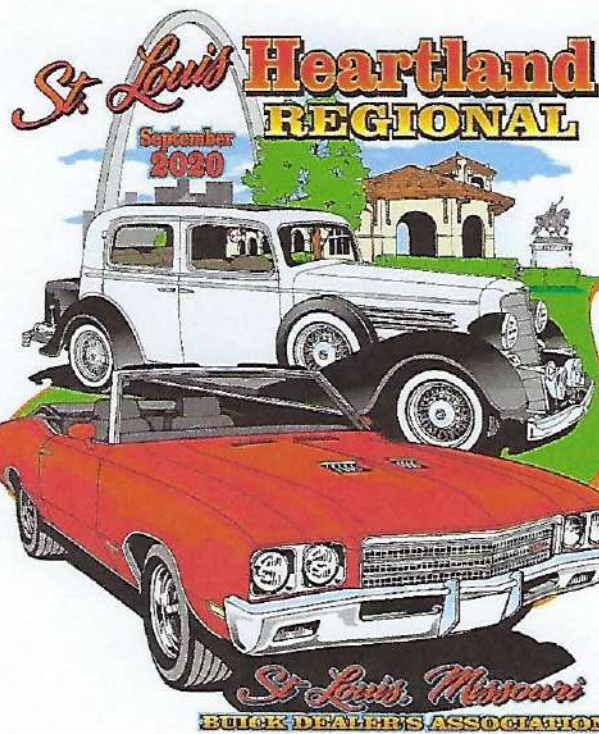
*The GATEWAY GAZETTE* is a monthly newsletter, free to paid members of the St. Louis Gateway Chapter of the Buick Club of America. Articles, technical information, For Sale and Want Ads, photos, restoration sagas and coming events are welcomed, but must be submitted by the first Monday of the month to assure inclusion in the next issue.

Our membership year runs from May 1 to April 30. Membership is renewable on May 1. Members joining between January 1 and April 30 are paid up through the next April. Dues for the local chapter are \$25 per year. Contact Pete Nathan, Treasurer. See address below. Current dues for the national club are \$50 per year (paper issue of the Bugle) or \$35 (email only), payable to: Buick Club of America, Cornerstone Registration , LTD, P.O. Box 1715, Maple Grove, MN 55311-6715

The Gateway Chapter meets monthly on the FIRST MONDAY of the month. Meetings begin at 7:00 PM and guests are welcome to attend. We meet at various restaurants around St. Louis and most members and guests try to arrive by 6:00 or earlier to have dinner before the meeting.

For more information, our local mailing addresses are as follows:

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**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**

**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)

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): \_\_\_\_\_

**Peer Judging** through year 2008,  
**15 Classes:**  
 A.(1903-'42) B.(46-'52) C.(54-'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' space minimum)

**Will you need parking space for a trailer? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_**

**Show and Tour Schedule**

**Thursday, Sept. 10** 10:00 AM..... Registration Opens  
 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, and Driving Tour through Missouri Wine Country  
 2:00 PM..... Chandler Hill Winery, wine tasting 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 - Cash Bar prior to Awards Banquet  
 7:00 -?: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  
**Ted Becker** – Show Field, Swap Meet,  
 Car Corral, and Trailer Parking:  
 309-256-9860  
 gearhead46@centurytel.net  
**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*

**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



# Buick Club of America

## Application for Membership

[www.buickclub.org](http://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.

### 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.....	\$130.....	\$200
Canada & Mexico Periodical.....	\$ 68.....	\$131.....	\$194
Canada & Mexico Priority.....	\$ 93.....	\$181.....	\$269
International Surface.....	\$ 68.....	\$131.....	\$194
International Air.....	\$ 98.....	\$191.....	\$284
E-Membership.....	\$ 35	<i>(E-Membership is an online Bugle only; no hard copy — email required)</i>	

*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]**

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Amount

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**  
 c/o Cornerstone Registration, Ltd.  
 PO Box 1715  
 Maple Grove, MN 55311-6715  
 Tel: 763-420-7829  
 Fax: 763-420-7849  
[bca@cornerstonereg.com](mailto:bca@cornerstonereg.com)  
 Office Hours:  
 M-F 9:00-5:00 (Central)