



Gateway

Gazette

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Buick Club of America

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Director's Letter

July, 2019

Greetings,

Well, I would love to start this month's letter off by announcing that the '68 Lark is done.

But at this point, I'm really not sure what to say...??? Completing the last minute details on this car has truly been a frustrating and at times a heartbreaking and humbling experience. Every success has been followed with another disappointment. My plans were to drive it to Lexington last month for the Buick Rod and Custom Association's annual tour. I finally got the car to the point where everything seemed to be working, car was running great, drove and handled like a new car. The last thing left to do was to have the A/C system evacuated and charged. I took it to Fred's in Wentzville, everything went great, the A/C system was putting out a major chill and everyone was impressed with how well the system worked. So on the way home; I'm feeling really proud, finally... all is well. Then I made the mistake of looking at the volt gauge and the needle was pointing to five (5) Volts, Happy Face, GONE...!!! More disappointment, and another long story... So for now; I think everything on the car may be fixed, I really don't know, I'm just trying to stay away from it for a while, trying to delay my next disappointment as long as I can. Needless to say, the car never made it to Lexington.

Lexington; the focus for this year's annual tour was on bourbon and Thoroughbreds, and yes we're a car group, so we also managed to work in a couple of excellent car collections. The one thing we learned about bourbon and Thoroughbreds, they both must be born in Kentucky. And for me, the best way to learn about bourbon is to taste it. One of the car collections we visited was owned by Tom Jones, sorry ladies, not the singer. Tom really had an eclectic collection, but he did seem to favor cars that started with an "M" Mercedes and Maserati. We also toured the world's largest Toyota plant, where they make Camry's, Avalon's and Lexus. Truly impressive and probably the most spotless environment I've ever seen. Pete Nathan really does an unbelievable job putting this event together.

The BCA National Meet, Midwest City, OK. Special thanks to: Bill and Ginny Landers, Adam and Atena Martin, Bob Windal and Barb Rehling, Richard and Vera Self for being there to represent our Chapter. And to Mark and Sheree Kistner who almost made it; the good news is, Sheree is home and doing well.

As you remember, prior to the Nationals, there were many discussions related to the candidates running for office along with several concerns related to the club's budget and its accounting practices:

Congratulates to Mike Book, Sid Meyer, and Bill Stoneberg on their election to the board and I'm confident that they will serve us well.

It was also mentioned that after spending \$25,000 for a complete audit, no irregularities were found.

And, if you haven't read it, please read John Steed's "message from the board" in this month's issue of the Bugle. Excellent article about working together as a family.

Upcoming Events:

My number one focus for the last several weeks has been on Regionals. The 2019 Heartland Regional in Stillwater, MN and the 2020 Heartland Regional here in St. Louis. I'm proud to say, that thanks to the continued support and efforts of Bill Landers and Pete Nathan; all activities, venues, pricing, tee-shirts, judging forms, registration forms and information packets are ready to roll out at the 2019 Heartland Regional in Stillwater.

July 7th – Club BBQ & Monthly Meeting at Love Park (Muffin Pavilion), starts at 11:00 a.m., address: 2248 Mason Lane, Ballwin, MO 63021. This is always one of our more popular events and so far we have 30 members who have sent RSVP's saying they will be there. If you have not yet replied, please do so.

August 3rd – Memories on Main Car Show, 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

All for now...

Enjoy!

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Meeting Minutes, June 3rd, 2019

- The June meeting was held at the Sport's Café in Bridgeton, MO and was facilitated by Chet Palumbo, Director. 20 Members were present.
- Chet opened the meeting with **The Pledge of Allegiance** of the United States and thanked everyone for attending.
- The May Meeting Minutes were approved as printed in the Gazette. Motion made by Dave Smith, second by Jim Hall, approved by all. Chet recognized Monica Ledwon for doing an excellent job on the minutes.

Member News:

- The biggest news this month was the passing of Jeff Watkins. The June Gazette was dedicated to Jeff.
- Jeff Watkins updates, memories, comments:
 - ◊ Ted Becker, told of speaking with Jeff's sister. She is planning on coming to STL soon to disperse Jeff's estate and clean out his house. He offered her the help of the club members. Jeff was the self-appointed archivist of the club and collector extraordinaire of automobile brochures. Ted said there will be a future memorial for Jeff this summer and his sister will notify us. Memories of Jeff were shared at the meeting.
- Richard and Vera Self continue to deal with medical issues, Vera's back causing much pain and Richard says he thinks he is at his "new" 100%. They were a welcome sight to see at this monthly meeting.

Member "Check In"

- Member check-in was deleted from the agenda to shorten the meeting in deference to the Blues Stanley Cup Playoffs.
- Bob Merrick did tell a cautionary tale of his dog being accidentally poisoned with anti-freeze. He'd left an old transmission pan in the garage to use for turkey grease disposal and his pet lapped it up along with a minute amount of dried coolant. Dog had to be hospitalized for three days with alternating IVs and has recovered. Bob warned it only takes a teaspoon to cause a tragic event with an animal.

Treasurer's Report: (Pete Nathan)

- Motion made by Dave Smith to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Bob Brasses, approved by all.
- **Reminder: Club Dues are due May 1, see Pete.**

BCA Club News:

- **National News:**
 - ◇ **2019 National Meet, Midwest City, OK, June 12 – 15, 2019**
 - * **Who's going...???** The Selfs, the Landers and Bob Windal raised their hands.
 - * **Bill and Ginny, will bring back pictures and information about the new officers and board members. They will also act as representatives of the Gateway Chapter as the election is held.**
 - * **Alan Oldfield, BCA President term ends**
- **Regional News: 2019 Regional Meet, Stillwater, Minnesota, Aug 21 – 24, 2019**
 - ◇ Hosted by the Fireball Chapter, registration information in the Gazette
 - ◇ **Reminder - Regional Trailer:**
 - ◇ **We need a volunteer to tow the Regional Trailer to St. Louis, and**
 - ◇ **We need a place to store it for a year.**
 - ◇ **Reminder: Be there...!!!**
- **Gateway Buick Performance Enthusiast Group (GBPEG)**
 - ◇ *Current plans are to join the BCA and form a Performance oriented Chapter. Ten signatures of members are needed to form the Performance Chapter.*

Old Business:

New Business:

- **2020 Regional Event:**
 - ◇ Host Hotel: Doubletree Hilton in Chesterfield, MO. week on September 10th.
 - ◇ Sponsorship: working with Jack Anderson/Laura Buick and St. Louis Buick Dealer Advertising Association. **Missing Check:** Check was sent to a car club in Michigan, they thought it was meant for them so they deposited it into their account. Club will repay GM, GM will issue us a new check.
 - ◇ Featured Vehicles:
 - * 2018 Regional, Cedar Rapids featured Reattas and Station Wagons
 - * 2020 STL will feature Convertibles and Modifieds, with invitation to the Buick Rod and Custom Association.
 - ◇ 2020 Classes and Specialty Trophies (submitted to the board for review)
 - ◇ Graphics/Tee Shirts (Pete Nathan)
 - * **June 3rd Update: Shirts have been ordered. Pickup is scheduled later this week.**
 - ◇ Activities – In Progress:
 - * Thursday, tour Fast Lane Classic Cars Inc. and old St. Charles with guided tour by Joseph Yochim
 - * Friday, Box lunch and Daniel Boone's Home, driving tour of MO wine country, end at Chandler's Winery
 - * Saturday, Outlet Mall, Car Show and Banquet

- **2019 Event Planning (No update)**
 - ◇ **Joint event with the MidAmerica Chapter; in Columbia, Jefferson City, Booneville area.**
 - * *Ricky Pirch, Director, will ask their membership for ideas*
 - * *Suggestions: Arrow Rock, Warm Springs, Midway Antique Mall*
 - * **Annual VA/Vet Center Car Show, 899 Hospital Drive, Columbia, MO 65201 This venue was suggested to possibly be the meet-up location with the MidAmerica Chapter on September 28.**
 - \$10.00 Donation/Registration: 7:30am to 9:30am**
 - Car Show 10:00am – 2:00pm**
 - Lunch: 11:00am – 1:00pm**
- **Name Tags: (Pete Nathan)**
 - ◇ Pete Nathan presented the following options (May 6th):
 - * The old hard blue plastic embossed pin name tags cost \$6
 - * A new metal magnetic name tag costs \$7.
 - * Discussion ensued on considering paper name tags and the need for every member receiving a personalized one from club funds. It was decided to get a sample of the magnetic style first and then consider the options as well as possibly making members buy their own tags.
 - ◇ **June 3rd Update:**
 - * **Reply from; St. Louis Laser, Inc. “I believe you should look elsewhere for your name tags.”**
 - * **No decision on style or supplier of name tags was made.**

PAST Events (recap):

- **May 18 – Laura Buick GMC Car Show**
 - ◇ Great day, good food and a couple of surprise guest; Joyce and Vic Nettle, Gary Heim. And Jack Haffner (former Laura Buick Mechanic).
 - ◇ Recognized Jack and Laura Anderson as Honorary Lifetime Members with presentation of a plaque.
 - ◇ See Gazette for full coverage of the event, and not pictured is Ted Becker.

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Upcoming Events (OTHER):

- **June 7th Wentzville Charity Rod Run,**
 - ◊ \$10.00 Donation to D.A.R.E.
 - ◊ 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Registration is across the street from City Hall on Pearce Boulevard
- **Valenti's Car Show, July 14th, 9:00am, 6750 Mexico Road, St. Peters, MO, Contact Tom Shumate 314-267-9803**
- **August 2nd Wentzville Charity Rod Run #2**

50/50 Drawing:

- **\$60 total with \$30 going to Ginny Landers.**

Next Meeting:

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Member Spotlight

Barb Knudsen

By Monica Ledwon

This month's Gateway Gazette features a well-known classic car aficionado of the feminine gender, Barb Knudsen. Although she does not own a Buick, she has remarkable loyalty to all Buick and GM brands especially Chevrolet. Barb has dedicated much of her time and energy to many of our chapter's events.

Barb was born in Anna, Illinois, a quaint southern Illinois town, known for the Lincoln-Douglas debate. During her childhood, her family moved to north St. Louis County where she grew up and graduated from Ritenour High School.

As a young woman, Barb never had any connection to backyard auto mechanics, nor any interest in cars whatsoever until she met and married her husband Jack. Then, she set off on the road to appreciating and loving automobiles.

Jack was a long-time employee of GM. He sparked Barb's interest by buying a 1931 Chevy Roadster and having her work on it with him in the garage. From Jack, Barb learned the difference between crescent wrenches and open ended along with the feeling of accomplishment of getting an old car running again. They later worked together to restore a prize winning 1935 Chevy Tudor that Barb still owns today.

Throughout her marriage while raising two daughters and one son, Barb and Jack gathered an eclectic collection of cars. She still owns a 1936 Cord, 1941 Packard, 1955 Chevy and 1961 Impala, and 1982 Corvette.

Owning commercial property allows Barb to keep her motor pool stored in a large warehouse nearby. Several years back, she graciously invited the Gateway Buick Club to tour the place. It was a great experience to see all her classics as well as a massive amount of auto memorabilia.



The cream puff of her collection is a 1975 Caprice Classic convertible purchased new as Jack's special order. It was the last Caprice in a designated yellow color to roll off the assembly line at the Wentzville plant. Barb remembers that they never went looking for a car. Friends and acquaintances found, through word of mouth, that they would always give some garage space to a needy set of wheels.



Barb became very involved in car clubs as her enthusiasm for this hobby increased. She has held several offices in the Horseless Carriage Club, the Antique Automobile Club of America, Vintage Chevy Club and Classic Car Club of America. She is responsible for changing the HCC's entrance fee schedule to a club group price for the annual Easter Show in Forest Park which still remains in effect today. Barb also is skilled at judging shows with paint being her specialty, learned from Jack's talents in body restoration.

Reflecting back on her history with cars, Barb recounts a time in 1993 a movie was being filmed using downtown streets of St. Louis as a backdrop. The director of King of the Hill needed vintage vehicles from the 50's. Barb's husband Jack, known on the set as the "car wrangler", contacted all antique auto owners he knew to line up for shots and Barb herself drove cars in some scenes. Our Buick club also was involved in this project and I, too, vividly remember bringing my '50 Buick Special down on a very chilly Saturday morning to be in the film.

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In 2003, a few years after Jack's passing, Barb met Gene Bossaller through car club socializing at a JJ's Friday night cruise. Gene, like Barb, loves all GM models and is an Oldsmobile guy with strong Buick leanings. He drew Barb into our Gateway Chapter. She was impressed with the genuine helpful reciprocity that she observed at events between the Olds and Buick Clubs. Barb has generously helped us during past Shriner's shows, either by judging or selling raffle tickets. And, she attends an occasional monthly Buick meeting to put her 2 cents in.

Barb's three children have expanded her family to four grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren, of which she is very proud. Her two daughters have their name on the Chevys '61 and '75 with her son claiming the '55 for future heirlooms to have and to hold.

Other hobbies include an orphaned Chihuahua that can jump 3 feet straight up in the air to greet you, houseplant gardening and volunteering at the St. Charles Humane society. She says of herself that she is a Chevy girl with warm personality as evidenced by her frequent hugs. And, she has a true interest in all her classic car compatriots. Her feelings prove that you don't necessarily have to own a Buick to be a valued member in our club!

BCA Nationals—Oklahoma City

By Bill Landers

Four couples from the Gateway Chapter attended the National Show earlier this month: Adam and Atena Martin, Richard and Vera Self, Bob Windal and Barb Rehling, and Ginny and myself. I understand Mark and Sheree Kistner made it to the Oklahoma border and turned back due to a possible medical problem. Ginny and I drove down Wednesday, covering about 512 miles in about 8 1/2 hours with an intermittent cruise control (new servo ordered and received this weekend)

Ginny and I took the optional tour which covered the Murrah Federal Building Museum and Auto Alley in the city. The museum was a very moving experience with numerous exhibits showing videos, photos, press coverage and personal stories of the April 1995 bombing of the building by Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols. At least 168 people were killed, including 19 children, most of whom were in the building's day care center. More than 680 others were injured. Within a 16 block radius of the explosion, 324 other buildings were destroyed or badly damaged. Many other buildings farther away suffered broken glass.

One exhibit included the rear axle assembly from the rental van which contained the explosive materials. Investigators were able to recover the serial number from the axle and trace it to the rental van and ultimately to Nichols. Since he and McVeigh had been close friends and had expressed similar anti-government views, they started looking for McVeigh also. McVeigh was stopped by a state trooper for speeding before the APB was widely disseminated, but something about McVeigh's demeanor caused the officer to arrest him rather than just issue a ticket. Several policemen and others were struck by McVeigh's total lack of any emotion.

The grounds of the museum include a reflecting pool and with a wall at each end, and grassy area containing 168 chairs representing those killed in the bombing.



Our visit to the museum was cut short so we could spend more time (much more than needed) walking along the historic Auto Alley which used to house numerous auto dealerships. Most people walked the 4 blocks, reading the sidewalk plaques and taking photos, in 30 minutes or less. The last stop on the tour was lunch at a highly-touted restaurant in the Buick building on Auto Alley (\$40 of the \$80 charge per person for the tour was allocated for the lunch). The restaurant wasn't prepared for us to arrive as early as we did and there was a long wait on the front end before orders were taken. Serving of the food didn't go any more smoothly and we had to take our desert "to-go" in order to get the bus back to the hotel.

Later in the day, we joined the Reatta Division for our annual "rendezvous". We drove old Route 66 to The Rock Café in Stroud, OK. In order to arrive at the café promptly for dinner, we didn't take time to stop for photos of any of the "sights" along that stretch of 66. There were problems with service again at the café, so we had to rush to try to get back to attend the BCA membership meeting. We managed to get back only 15 minutes after the meeting started.

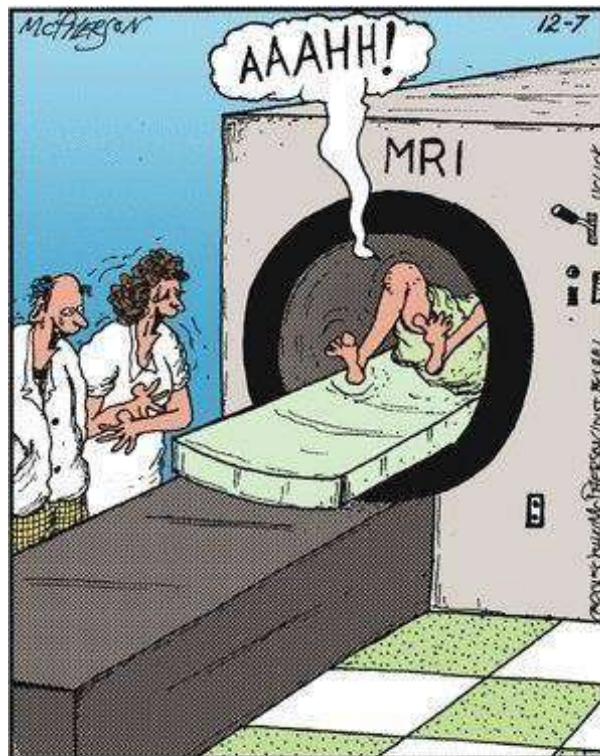
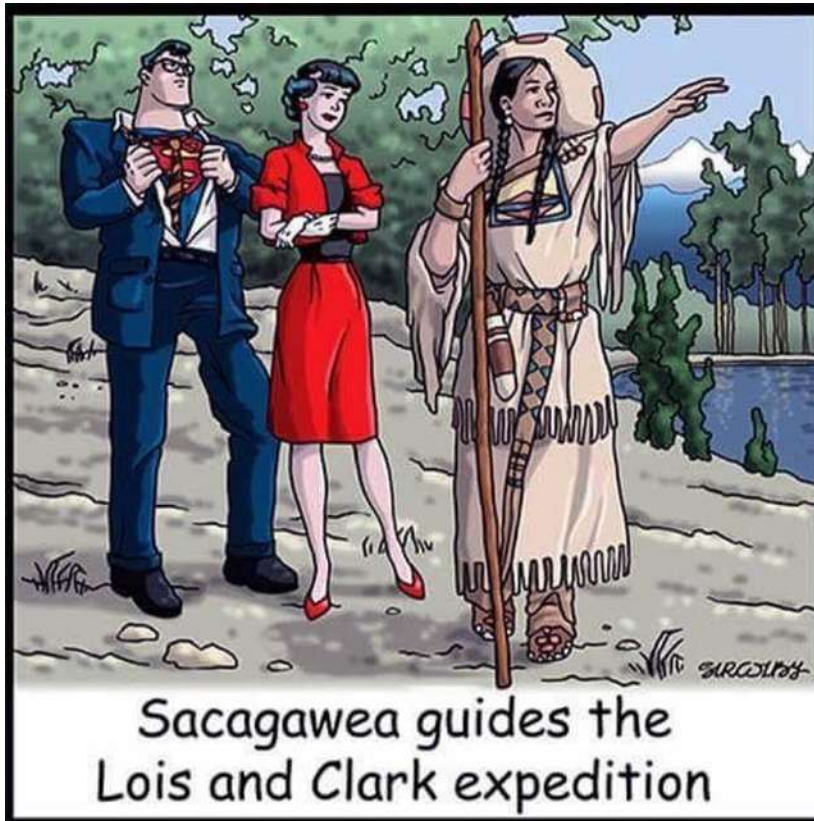
The main topic of the meeting was an audit commissioned by the BCA BOD to look at BCA financial procedures and controls. A number of recommendations



were made by the audit firm to improve controls and reporting, but there were no detected instances of significant amounts of funds not properly accounted for or other improprieties. One of the main areas was national meets, the financials of which didn't seem to be accounted for under the BCA system. One recommendation was to strengthen financial controls for the nationals, and to change the fiscal year so that the national can be fully accounted for in the annual year-end report. It appears the board has committed to implement essentially all the recommendations. I personally hope this will put an end to much of the sniping at the board.

All four Gateway cars took home an award. Bob Windal received a senior preservation award for his GS455 despite some water damage from a recent flood. Adam received a silver award for his '75 Roadmaster, and Richard received a bronze award for his '75 Special. Our Reatta received an elite archival award.

Gazette Giggles



"I tell ya, work has gotten to be so much more fun since we hung that rubber spider in there."

From the Archives

By, About and Updated by

Monica Ledwon

MONICA SELLS HER '50 BUICK – FROM MAY 2004

Reflecting back on this article, I am adding some thoughts and remembrances. What a restoration this was. Taking three years of every weekend (80-83), and a family project, it was my goal to restore this beloved family car since I was fourteen years old.

A few years ago, I wrote you all an article to celebrate my 1950 Buick Special's fiftieth year in the family and told how my dad reminisced every October 18 at morning coffee, that this was the day he brought his first new car ever home. Now, I will never forget the events on March 5, 2004—the day the Buick, our family heirloom, moved to Texas.

I ran an ad in Hemmings Motor News since no Buickite, local or national, had much interest in the car, **(a Buickite was a**

term of friendship in the club at this time. It has since dropped from the club vocabulary) I emphasized, “One Family Car”, no accidents and detailed all of its mechanical history. The ad was answered by a Mr. M.J. Barber from Kerrville, Texas. The telephone interviews began with him asking if we did a frame-off restoration, I replied “our idea of frame-off is removing four fenders, the hood and the trunk, then scrape the chassis clean with kerosene and spray it with several cans of Rustoleum”. I asked him he was familiar with the master cylinder of a '50 Buick and the oil bath air cleaner. He drawled back, “Yes ma'am this car is from my era”. So, I felt pretty good about this prospective buyer.



And I felt sick to my stomach that this deal could really happen.

A month later, Mr. Barber called to set up a time to see the '50. Things turned serious when I saw his F250 Ford truck pull up with a flatbed trailer attached. It was a rainy Thursday morning and no test drive could be reasonably taken.

Mr. Barber just listened to the engine and looked the car over. I pointed out how my dad finely rebuilt the carburetor to idle down to a perfect 18 on the vacuum gauge installed as an accessory under the dash. And, I mentioned how my dad cleverly repaired the mercury loaded trunk light to operate correctly when lifted by bumming some liquid mercury off a pharmacist.

Man, my dad was a flat-out genius on fixing things on this car. He spent a week's worth of his vacation time installing a whole new wiring harness!

After that we went back into the house and showed our prospective buyer the photo biography of a step by step sequence of events in the three-year restoration in which so many Gateway Chapter members came to our aid. I'll never forget the late Raye Fellenstein for supplying NOS rocker panels. Bob Huff for finding stainless steel window visors and Aaron Ford for a water pump and NOS oil filters for the car.

I am eternally grateful for those members past and those still with me today for their countless words of technical advice and dedicated support to get us through this restoration.

After these preliminaries, Mr. Barber and Tom (my ex) momentarily came eyeball to eyeball over price negotiations. The Texan then called for a break and went to back to where he was staying to think it over. I started mentally editing a new ad for Auto Trader. But several hours later Mr. Barber knocked on our door wanting to finalize the deal.

We sold the Buick for \$8000 as it needed work since it was first overhauled over twenty years ago. We threw in a custom car cover and all shop manuals too along with spare parts.



It was agreed that he would pick the car up Friday afternoon March 5. That was the saddest day and I tearfully begged my boss to let me off an hour early to be there to send my childhood friend, the Barton grey Buick Special 41D, off on her journey to a new home. After the Buick was loaded up, I watched her disappear round the bend of our street. Tom and I needed more than a bit of spirits to quell the shock that evening.

Yes, I had to force that lame smile while sitting perched on top the fender that morning.

On Sunday, I was so worried and anxious about his trip back home to Kerrville, I called Mr. Barber. He said he made the 1000 mile trip without a bobble, got the



thumbs-up going down the highway and drew a crowd whenever he stopped to get gas. The following week, I received pictures from him that showed the Buick neatly tucked in his garage to reside next to a Lincoln Town Car.

Now, it's time to move on to my parents' last new Buick, the '85 Regal. We mounted the 50's BCA license plate frames on her bumpers and installed Flowmaster spilt exhaust pipes. Next stop—Ultimate Electronics for a new Alpine stereo system!

Vapor lock will be a thing of the past. Haha, never installed that sound system, deciding to keep the GM radio stock. But do love my Flowmasters as they make this 3.8 six sound like a V-8! Still have Mr. Barber's number, but do not have the nerve to call him and ask where my 1950 Buick is today.

Gazette Centerfolds





<u>July Birthdays</u>	<u>July Anniversaries</u>
Aaron Ford Adam Martin Barry Hollander Bob Windal Ina Bicknell Monica Ledwon Pete Nathan Jeannie Yochim Herb Morris	Geoff & Angela Lockett Matthew & Jenna Smythe





2019 Full Year Event Details::

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August 5th – Monthly Meeting -- Sports Café in Bridgeton

- 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/>

August 21 – 24, 2019: 2019 Regional Meet, Stillwater, Minnesota

- Hosted by the Fireball Chapter, registration information in the Gazette

September 7th – BBQ & Monthly Meeting 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 8th --- 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

September 28th—Joint event with the MidAmerica Chapter

- Details TBD

October 7th – Monthly Meeting -- Sports Café in Bridgeton

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October 12th – “Cruise to the Wall” Perryville, MO

- **Meet 0:00 a.m. at TBD, Leave at 0:00 a.m. to cruise to Perryville**
- **Lunch at Mary Jane’s Burgers and Brew**
 - ◊ 102 N Jackson St, Perryville, MO 63775
 - ◊ 573-547-6279
 - ◊ <http://maryjaneburgers.com/>
- **Missouri’s National Veterans Memorial**, with a duplicate of Washington DC’s Vietnam Memorial Wall.
 - ◊ 1172 Veterans Memorial Parkway
Perryville, Missouri 63775
 - ◊ (573) 547-2035
 - ◊ <https://www.facebook.com/americaswall/>
- **Winery** – Saint Genevieve, MO – **TBD - WHERE...!!!**

November 4th – 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.
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December 1st – 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 *****



2019 Heartland Regional August 21 thru 24, 2019



Wednesday
August 21

4:00 p.m. driving tour to a car show in downtown Stillwater.

Thursday
August 22

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Visit a restoration facility and a guided driving tour through Wisconsin's wine country.

Friday
August 23

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Driving tour to visit a car memorabilia collection, the 45th Parallel Distillery and a cheese factory.

4:00p.m. to 7:30 Evening driving tour to a large community's car show.

Saturday
August 24

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Show and participant voting. The show field will be at Stillwater Motors, a Buick dealership family owned for 97 years.

Food will be available for purchase on the show field. Proceeds go to a local youth group.

10:00 a.m. One hour trolley tour of historic Stillwater.

Additional shuttles will be transporting participants to and from downtown Stillwater during the show.

2:00 p.m. Heartland Regional meeting at Stillwater Motors.

6:00 p.m. Awards banquet will be held while cruising on the St. Croix River. (The first National Scenic River in the United States)

Host Hotel	AmericInn
\$95 + tax	13025 60th Street, Oak Heights, Minnesota 55082
Includes breakfast	651-275-0980 or e-mail agm@hotelstillwater.com
Second Hotel	GrandStay Hotel and Suites
\$119 + tax	2200 West Frontage Road, Stillwater, Minnesota 55082
Includes breakfast	651-430-2699 or e-mail Stillwater@grandstay.net



Stillwater is an extremely busy tourist area. Do not wait to make reservations.



REV 7/13/18



2019 HEARTLAND REGIONAL UPDATE

Please include this in your newsletters or present the information at one of your club meetings.



Thank you to the members who have sent in their registration forms and secured their hotel reservations. **Our initial block of rooms is full.** It took a long time to fill our initial block, and while we were waiting for it to fill so we could secure additional rooms, they were all booked. Had some problem with the second hotel recognizing we had a block of rooms. I hope that is now resolved. We are exploring the possibility of additional rooms in the area, but it is a major tourist traffic area. There is also the possibility of exploring the many bed and breakfasts in the area.

Currently we have 39 rooms booked and 22 registrations have arrived. **We will release our block of rooms 7-21-2019.**

It is our plan to keep you busy while you attend the regional. In addition to the activities we are offering, this is an area with many entertainment opportunities and attractions, ie:

- **The Mall of America** There are always new stores, restaurants and attractions opening.
- **French Lake Auto Salvage** which specializes in collector car parts. It is now being run by the second generation. The yard now has real roads and the cars are in rows by manufacturer. The new owner is on constant buying trips and cars arrive weekly.
- **Profession Sports** A new soccer facility just opened plus a huge golf driving facility, and the Twins Baseball team is upgrading their facility. There are a number of other semi professional sporting activities in the area.
- **Zoos** The metro area has two zoo facilities. The Minnesota State zoo is located in one of the suburban areas and is very large with many outdoor display areas. Como Zoo is located in Saint Paul and while some what smaller, has a number of interesting displays
- **Broadway Shows** The metro area always has a number of traveling shows from Broadway playing at our live theaters.

Concerns about gasoline. We have planned a number of tours so those who attend will have the opportunity to drive and display their cars. Located close to the hotels is a Kwik Trip convenience store which has Non-ethanol gas (91 % octane) for our older cars.

The evening car shows we will be going to fill up quickly. If you want to attend one of these events please let us know early so we can reserve sufficient spaces.

We are looking forward to seeing you and celebrating 30 years of Heartland Regionals.

Jim Jaeger and Bill Darrow Co-Chairmen.

4-02-2019



Buick Club of America

2019 Heartland Regional Meet Registration

August 21—24, 2019 in Stillwater Minnesota

Member's Name _____

BCA Number (Required) _____

Not a BCA member ? You must become a BCA member at large for this event only. Registration form will serve as an application \$5.00 _____

Spouse/Guest _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Number _____ or Land Line _____

E-mail address _____

Chapter Affiliation (optional) _____

What name should appear on the name tag ? Member _____

Guest _____

Member and 1 guest without car _____ \$15.00 _____

Member and 1 guest with display car _____ \$20.00 _____

Member and 1 guest with show car _____ \$25.00 _____

Vehicle one ___ Judged ___ Display Year _____ Model _____ Body Style _____ Class _____

Vehicle two ___ Judged ___ Display Year _____ Model _____ Body Style _____ Class _____

Additional car (s) Judged ___ \$15.00 Display Only ___ \$ 10.00 List additional cars on separate sheet _____ Total \$ _____

There is no car corral. For sale signs are allowed on the field. I will need trailer parking _____ Cannot accommodate RVs.

Pre order T-shirts S to XL ___\$14, 2X to 4X___\$16 Number by sizes S ___ M ___ L ___XL ___ 2XL ___ 3XL ___ \$4XL ___ \$ _____

Show Events (Reservation cut off is August 12, 2019 for events and banquet - There is no cut off for show car registration)

Wednesday August 21, 4:00 p.m. Driving tour to car show in downtown Stillwater (No charge) Number attending _____

Thursday August 22, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Driving tour restoration shop, WI wine country (No charge) Number Attending _____

Friday August 23, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Driving tour, memorabilia collection, distillery (No charge) Number Attending _____

4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Driving tour to a large community's car show (No charge). Number Attending _____

Saturday August 24, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Show and Participant Voting

11:00 a.m.to 12:00 p.m. Historic trolley tour of Stillwater, Adult \$14, Kids \$8 Adult No. ___ Kids No. ___ \$ _____

6:00 p.m. Price includes River Cruise, Shuttle and Awards Banquet Number ___ \$45.00 _____

Total for participant, member at large fee, historic trolley ride, t-shirts, car registration and banquet \$ _____

NO cancellation refunds after August 8, 2019 Administrative use only Check number _____ Registration number _____

When making the reservation tell them it is for the Buick Club NO elevators. If you have a walking problem request 1st floor.

HOST HOTEL \$95 + tax, includes breakfast

Second Hotel \$119 + tax, includes breakfast

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GrandStay Hotel and Suites

13025 60th Street North , Oak Park Heights, MN 55082

2200 West Frontage Road, Stillwater Minnesota 55082

651-275-0980 or e-mail agm@hotelstillwater.com

651-430-2699 or e-mail Stillwater@grandstay.net

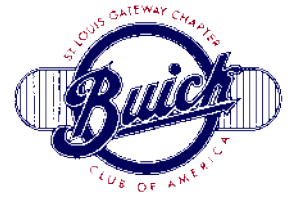
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**GATEWAY CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
AND PROFILE SHEET**

**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 _____

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

