



Gateway Gazette

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Buick Club of America

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Dedicated to the memory of

Jeff Watkins

Director's Letter

June, 2019

Greetings,

Well folks, we start this month off with the passing of one of our founders and charter members, Jeff Watkins. Not only was Jeff a "Buick guy" but he was a true to the heart "car guy". As a chartered member, he had a special love for the club and became a self-appointed historian and an excellent resource for all things past. Jeff was also a collector of Buick and automotive literature. One of the things I will miss most about Jeff; every time he heard I acquired a new Buick, he would come to the next meeting with a sales brochure or some type of literature he had related to the car. And after each review, I would ask him if I could purchase it, and the answer was always the same, "NO". Not too much is known about Jeff's passing, but the family is planning a memorial in the near future and the club will be invited to share in his memory.

Last year we honored Jeff with an Honorary Lifetime Membership for his forty years of service with the club.

So for this month we dedicate our Gazette and member profile to Jeff Watkins.

On a happier note, “Thank You” to everyone who attended the car show and lunch at **Laura Buick GMC** in Collinsville, IL. I know many of you were traveling and had other commitments but we still had a good showing for the event. And best of all, we even had a few surprise guest show up; our “snow birds” Vic and Joyce Nettle just returned from Florida, and Gary Heim came down from Middleton, MO with his pristine 1937 Buick four door sedan. Gary trailers the car because he lives in the country and the first mile from is house is a dirt road. Overall his trip to Laura Buick GMC well exceeds 100 miles, so Gary you definitely deserve long distance recognition for attending this event – Thank You!

And finally, in appreciation for everything they do for our club, we presented Jack with a curved glass award for **“Jack and Laura Anderson - Honorary Lifetime Members”**

This month we have the National Meet, in Midwest City, OK. I’m sure it will be a great event and hopefully there will be announcements related to the election of our new board members. Bill Landers our Assistant Director and Ginny will be covering that event for us while Pete Nathan, Jeanne and I travel to Lexington KY, for the annual Buick Rod and Custom Association’s Cruise/Tour.

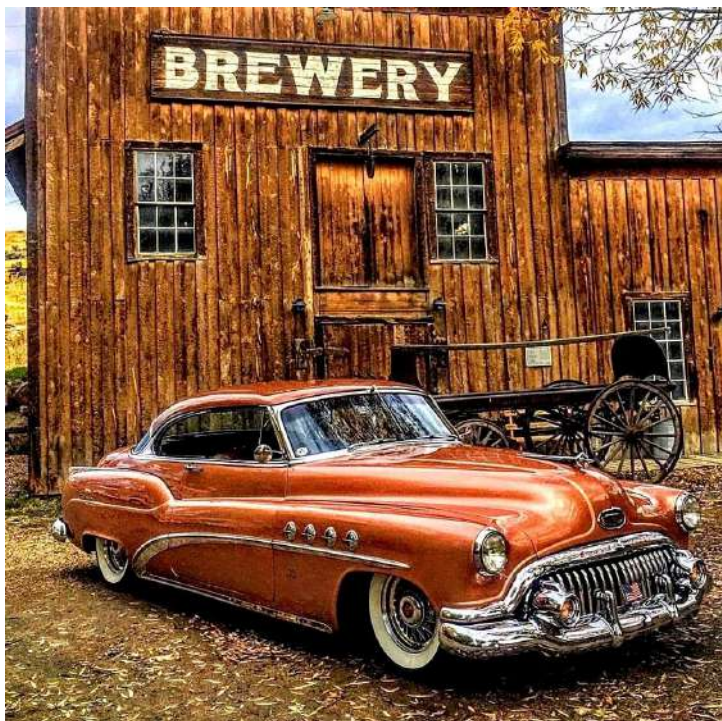
Upcoming Events:

Next month we have our annual picnic at Love Park, this is always one of our more popular events, so I’m looking forward to seeing you there. Love Park offers a great secluded setting, with plenty of private parking for our cars, plenty of shade and most of all great food and great folks to enjoy it with. The club provides the burgers and members are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert, drinks & chairs.

July 7th – Club BBQ & Monthly Meeting at Love Park (Muffin Pavilion)

Starts at 11:00 a.m.

Address: 2248 Mason Lane, Ballwin, MO 63021



Meeting Minutes, May 6th, 2019

- The May meeting was held at the Sport's Café in Bridgeton, MO and was facilitated by Chet Palumbo, Director. 13 Members were present.
- Chet opened the meeting with **The Pledge of Allegiance** of the United States and thanked everyone for attending.
- The April Meeting Minutes were approved as printed in the Gazette. Motion made by Geoff Lockett, second by Dave Smith, approved by all.

Member News:

- Congratulations to Bob Brasses, the new Mayor of Fenton, and also to Barb Brasses, the new First Lady of Fenton. Bob and Barb were beaming with their election success.
- Bill and Ginny Landers some place abroad on a river cruise.
- Congratulations to Ted Becker, who was recognized again by Old Cars Weekly, with an "Honorable Mention" in their Best of the Best, 2018 Golden Quill Award winners.
- Welcome back returning members; Herb Morris, Bill Nolte and Tom Roulston. Members gave Tom a large round of applause.

Member "Check In"

- Tom Roulston - 1958 Buick Super. The engine is running and the rear end is getting new coil springs.
- Dave Smith – 2013 LaCrosse. Dave and Louise drove their Buick on a leisurely trip to Florida and back.
- Pete Nathan - 1935 57 Series. Granddaughter's recent surgery was a great success with excellent recovery.
- Bob Merrick -1971 GS 455 has new exhaust manifold gaskets. And the 1986 GS had an upgraded alternator transplant from a '96 Buick Roadmaster taking the amps from 120 to 140. Headlights are definitely brighter.
- Scott Keller - 1987 GS. Rods are being redone.
- Bob Windal - 1970 GS 455 conv. His Buick got a front end alignment.
- Bob Brasses - 1955 Buick Special. Bob has car show aspirations this year doing touch up work on the car and mounting a new set of tires.
- Geoff Lockett - 1949 Super. After the seal on the Dynaflo blew, rubber particles got sucked into the vent system. Geoff dropped the tranny himself and it is now being re-worked at Mid America Transmissions in St Peters with parts coming from Northwest Transmission in Ohio. Meanwhile he is cleaning up and painting the differential, also adding new shock links.
- Chet Palumbo - 1968 Skylark. Car is ready to start and head for the Laura Buick Show. Jeannie and Chet's grandson pitched a no hitter for Rockwood Summit High School.
- Ted Becker – 1957 Special. Car is driving well. Sections of the engine compartment have been repainted, valve covers and air cleaner cover.
- Al Tornabeni - 1936 Special. Car is up and running. Glass has been installed and mufflers are currently being put on at a shop.
- Monica Ledwon - 1985 Regal Ltd. Inspection showed tires (18 years old) have dry rot. Monica will be shopping for new rubber very soon.
- Gene Bossaller - 1970 Cutlass Supreme. Gene visited the Magic Dragon Street Machine Show at Bagnell Dam. He reported that it was a fabulous show and gave it a rave review for the huge array of classic and modified automobiles in attendance that would make one's head spin.

Treasurer's Report: (Pete Nathan)

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

BCA Club News: (no update)

- **National News:**
 - ◇ **2019 National Meet, Midwest City, OK, June 12 – 15, 2019**
 - * **Who's going...???**
 - ◇ **BCA Elections:**
 - * **Profiles of candidates posted in April Bugle, ballots must be received by June 1, 2019**
 - * **Remember, vote for both member and spouse.**
 - * **On-line members, ballots were mailed to all.**
 - * **Endorsements received for consideration:**
 - ◆ *Rick Young, Past President and board members/chapter directors endorsing; Mike Book, Sidney Meyer, and Bill Stoneberg*
 - ◆ *John Steed, National Chief Judge and judges endorsing; Mike Book, Sidney Meyer, and Bill Stoneberg.*
 - ◆ *Pre-War Division, Mark Shaw, Joe Suaraz, Jake Moran, endorsing each other.*
 - ◆ **Jack Gerstkemper, Regional Director of Pacific Northwest Region, endorsing Bill Stoneberg, Mike Book, Sidney Meyer.** (received April 30th)
 - ◇ **There is a faction of the BCA campaigning to limit the national club to Pre War vehicles only therefore leaving decades of following Buick generations in the dust. All Buick enthusiasts need to create awareness to vote in this election. So far 1200 ballots have been cast in a club with 8500 members. The ballot is attached to the April Buick Bugle's mailing cover.**
- **Regional News: 2019 Regional Meet, Stillwater, Minnesota, August 21 – 24, 2019**
 - ◇ Hosted by the Fireball Chapter, registration information in the Gazette
 - ◇ **See page 21 of the Gazette for updates on this event.**
 - ◇ **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. So far 27 members of this division have joined the BCA.**
 - ◇ **At this time, there is no race scheduled.**

Old Business:

- **2019 Officers and Board Member changes effective May 1, 2019**
 - ◇ **Chet Palumbo, Director**
 - ◇ **Bill Landers, Assistant Director (new)**
 - ◇ **Pete Nathan, Treasurer**
 - ◇ **Monica Ledwon, Secretary (new)**
 - ◇ **Bob Brasses, Past Director (returning)**
 - ◇ **Geoff Lockett, Director, Member at Large (new – w/one year remaining)**

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. Looks very positive! **Check should be in the mail...**
 - ◇ 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)
 - ◇ Activities – In Progress:
 - * Thursday, tour old St. Charles
 - * 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.
 - * It's official, September 28th for joint event
 - * Ricky Pirch, Director, will ask their membership for ideas during their next meeting on March 17th (they meet every other month).
 - * Suggestions: Arrow Rock, Warm Springs, Midway Antique Mall
- **Name Tags:**
 - ◇ **Pete Nathan presented the following options:**
 - * **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.**
- **Shriners Show – Chet reported that the Shriners actually asked us to help them put on another charity show with our club doing judging in a small number of classes. Chet responded to them that our club is booked with the upcoming 2020 Regional and would not be available to participate in this event until 2021.**

PAST Events (recap):

- **April 21st – Easter Car Show** – Forest Park Myny Parking Lot
 - ◇ Ted Becker reported the day's weather was perfect for another outstanding event at Forest Park with a rare sighting of Sheree Kistner's glorious GTX.
- **May 4th – Lunch & Winery Cruise to Grafton, IL (cancelled), will try again next year.**

Upcoming CLUB Events:

- **May 18 – Laura Buick GMC Car Show**
 - ◇ 11:00 am to 3:00 p.m.
 - ◇ Meet at 10:15, 777 New Ballas Road (270/40) to cruise to Collinsville together
 - ◇ Leaving promptly at 10:30
 - ◇ Address: 903 North Bluff Road, Collinsville, IL 62234
 - ◇ Lunch will be provided.

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
- **August 2nd Wentzville Charity Rod Run #2**
 - ◇ **Join in, smell the fumes and watch the wheels on Pearce Blvd.**

50/50 Drawing:

- **\$54 total, with \$27 going to Jeannie Palumbo.**

Next Meeting:

- **June 3rd – 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/>

In Memorial

Jeff Watkins

By Ted Becker

It was with great sadness that we learned of the April 15, 2019 passing of Jeff Watkins, one of the last remaining charter members of the Gateway Buick Club. In Jeff's memory, we are republishing his "Member Spotlight" from last year's 40th anniversary edition as we honored our club's founders. We dedicate this issue of the Gazette to the memory of Jeff.

The most lasting memory and tribute to Jeff was that he loved cars and he loved Buicks. I have had recent conversations with Jeff's sister, Jennifer Greer to learn more of Jeff and his passing. Jennifer said that the family members feared the most wrath from Jeff if they were to purchase a new car that was not of the Buick nameplate. She indeed ventured outside of Jeff's comfort zone and purchased a new Subaru about 13 years ago. Incurring his wrath over several years, Jeff finally relented on his displeasure with her purchase when the car turned over 100,000 miles.

The last time we, as a club, saw Jeff was at last year's annual Love Park picnic when we present Jeff and Jim Hall with "Honorary Lifetime Member" awards as our only remaining charter members. Jennifer told me that Jeff was very honored to receive that recognition and treasured the plaque that we presented to him. Actually, he was also quite honored that he would no longer need to pay his annual dues.



Jim Hall (Left) and Jeff Watkins (Right) proudly displaying their "Honorary Lifetime Member" Awards

Jeff was not only a charter member, but a very active leader in the formation and development of the club. In his later years, he was an infrequent attendee at meetings due to his ongoing health issues. To Jeff's credit, he would mention some of his issues, but faced them bravely without complaint. He would relish in the tales told of events gone by and add insight into details that no one else could remember. I remember several times, during meetings, we would talk about previous National and Regional events, but were lacking in details. Jeff consistently would step up and provide his insight into the events that no one else could remember. He was really looking forward to our upcoming 2020 Regional.

He bestowed upon himself the honorary title of "Club Historian and Archivist". He possessed many of the old Gazettes and other publications related to the club. What he did not possess in paper, he kept in his head. His recollection of past names and event details was really quite impressive.

In addition to club historical records, he possessed many pieces of automotive related literature and brochures. Though much of it is in a state of decay due to water damage, much remains and will be reclaimed to the extent possible.

The cars he leaves behind are actually quite interesting. His Buicks were a 2001 LeSabre with some collision damage and a 1966 LeSabre Sedan with a leaky front windshield. He had a 1996 Chevrolet Caprice and a 1963 Ford F100. Most interesting of the lot is a 1965 Checker Station Wagon. Not everyone is aware, but Checker was not only a taxicab manufacturer, but also produced family sedans and wagons. The car is in apparent state of disrepair from years in a garage with a leaky roof.

During my conversations with Jennifer, we were talking about some of the amusing facets of Jeff's life and his lasting legacy. Perhaps the most ironic of those is the date of his passing. Jeff was pretty tight with his money and gave it up reluctantly. He was traditionally one of the last club members to pay his annual dues. What better date to pass than April 15, the date the IRS comes knocking on your door to collect their annual tribute of your financial gains. Jeff got the last laugh on them this time!

We all join with Jeff's family in expressing our sympathy for their loss. He has been cremated and will be buried in a family area of a local cemetery at a date later this summer.

Thank you, Jeff, for what you have done in creating and nurturing our club. Thank you for your many contributions over the years. Thank you for sharing your love of cars and Buicks with your many Gateway friends.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – JEFF WATKINS

By Monica Ledwon

In celebration of the Gateway Chapter's 40th anniversary, this month's Member Spotlight focuses on another founding member, Jeff Watkins. Known as the club's archivist, Jeff recently was presented with the Honorary Charter Member Award at the July picnic in Love Park.



Jeff grew up in the Webster Groves area and went to Webster Groves High School. Staying single, he now lives in the Carondelet area of St. Louis. Jeff was always interested in cars as far back as he can remember. He remembers identifying models of the 50's while making road trips with his family and became quite the expert. Building models as a youngster honed his interest in automotive styling.

Jeff was a bit too young for Vietnam Era military duty. So he worked most often as a stock delivery truck driver for various companies staying the longest at the renowned Frame Factory business.

His first old Buick was a 1960 Electra. Since then he has owned about ten different Buick models including two '63 Invicta station wagons and a '67 Skylark. His favorites were a '59 Invicta and '59 Electra. Jeff's current motor pool consists of a classic '66 Lesabre 2dr HT and a 2001 Lesabre Ltd 4dr

as a daily driver. For additional fun he once owned a 1965 Checker cab.

In the past, Jeff held the office of Director from 1990 to 1994. He organized the '93 Regional at the North Lindbergh Holiday Inn and was at the helm in helping the club host the '97 National at the old Henry the VIII hotel.

Being the club archivist for forty years, Jeff has preserved and collected all newsletter publications. He has total recall of any events or happenings in our history. Along with this, Jeff collects sales brochures and literature from all models as well as Buicks. He once astonished me with a pristine brochure for a 1999 Avalon in 2008. I had just purchased the car for a daily driver to reduce mileage on my '89 Lincoln Mark VII and '85 Buick Regal.

Jeff is retired now, hanging out at his house, going to swap meets and shows. He told me that, in the past, he has always been intent on keeping the club together and feels the same today. Jeff is looking forward to our 2020 Regional for a new event to be archived into our history.

Laura Buick Car Show

May 18, 2019

The annual Laura Car show was held on a beautiful Saturday afternoon at Jack Andersen's dealership in Collinsville, IL. A good turnout of Buicks and club members enjoyed the day of cars, food and fellowship. There were 20 members present displaying 11 cars.

This dealership is really quite amazing. Sporting 33 acres of Buicks (new and used) and GMC trucks, this is the #1 GM dealer in the country. The day before our show, there were 51 cars and trucks sold with a projected higher number on the day of the show. Many of the customers stopped by to look at our vintage Buicks while they were at the dealership seeking their new vehicle purchases.

Jack has been a long time member of the Gateway Buick club and has been very good to the club in its support. In recognition of the efforts of Jack and his wife, Laura, they were presented with an "Honorary Lifetime Member" award. Though his office is full of plaques and other recognition, Jack stated that this award will be displayed in a position of prominence.



Chet Palumbo (Director) and Pete Nathan (Treasurer) presenting Jack Anderson (Owner of Laura Buick) with "Honorary Lifetime Member" award

Member Cars at the Laura Buick Show



John Midkiff
1966 GS Convertible



Bob Windal
1970 GS455 Convertible



Damien Flaherty
1994 Roadmaster Wagon



Pete Nathan
1935 Model 57



(L to R)

Vic Nettle 1997 Riviera

Adam Martin 1957 Roadmaster 75 4 dr HT

Gary Heim 1936 4 dr Sedan

Mark Kistner 70 GS455



(L to R)

Bob Windal 1970 GS455 Convertible

Gene Bossaller 1970 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme

John Lasinski 1971 GS455 Convertible

Jack Haffner (former Laura Buick Mechanic) 1970 GS455 Convertible



(L to R)

Adam and Atena Martin, Mike Saputo, Pete Nathan, Angie Midkiff,
Gary Heim (behind Angie)



(L to R)

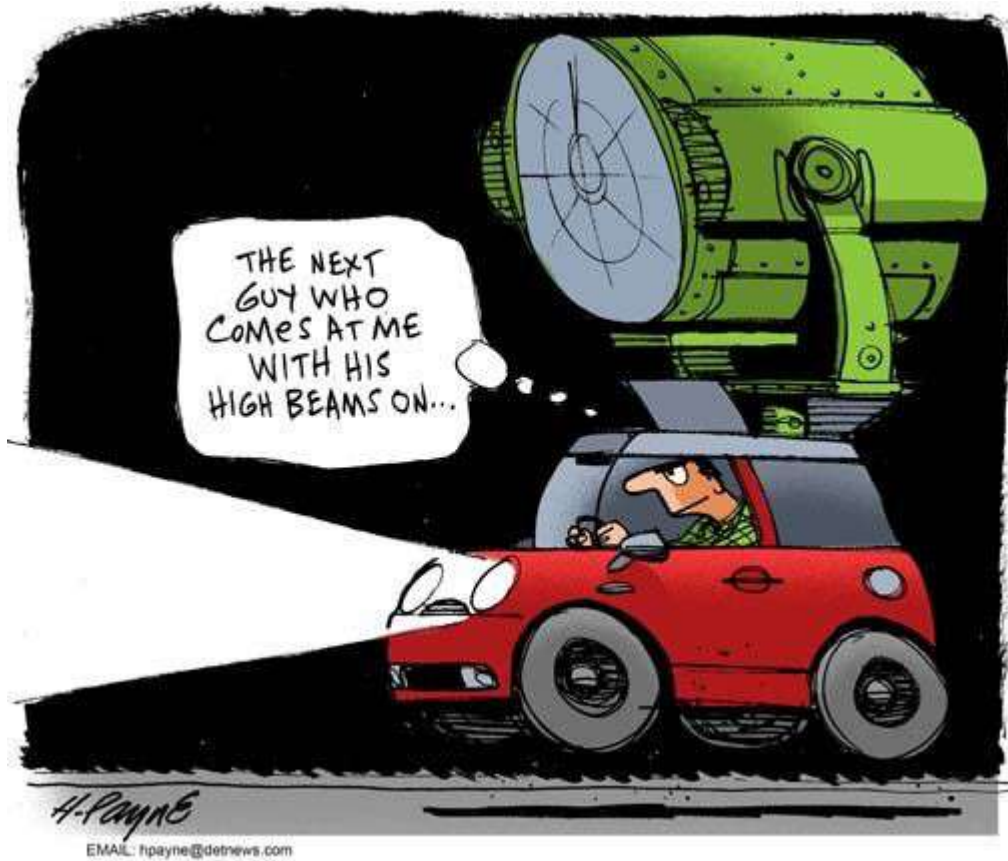
John Midkiff, Bob Merrick (standing), Bob Windal, Pat Bulfin (standing), John Lasinski,
Mark Kistner (standing), Gene Bossaller and Barb Knudsen



Bob Merrick
1986 Grand National



Gazette Giggles



What happens when Old Car Guys get sent to the Nursing Home

Gazette Centerfolds





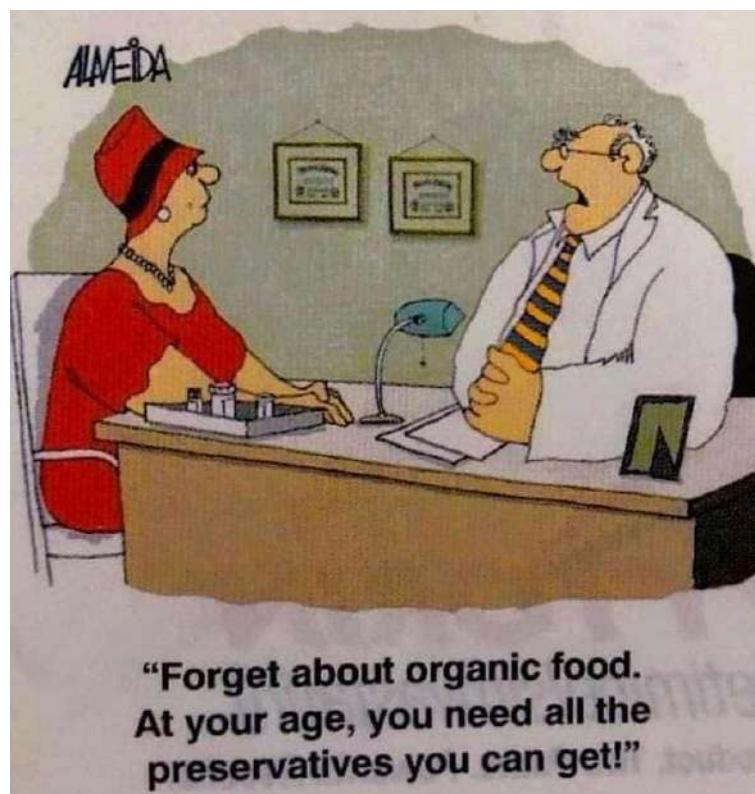
June Birthdays

Amy Flaherty
Angie Midkiff
Bill Bicknell
Doris Hall
Gene Bossaller
John Midkiff
Joseph Walchshauser
Karen Nolte
Pat Pinkston

June Anniversaries

Dave & Louise Smith

Pete & Wendy Nathan



Upgrading an Inexpensive Sandblast Cabinet

By Mark Kistner

Recently, I was discussing the possibility of upgrading my cabinet blaster with a co-worker as my current set up just wasn't working as it had in years past. My 10-year-old Harbor Freight sand blasting cabinet had seen better days with poor lighting, poor visibility and constant upkeep with mediocre results.

My buddy at work had recently purchased a new TP tools blast cabinet for refurbishing transmission components and had done some research and suggested looking at some you-tube tutorials regarding upgrades to Harbor Freight blast cabinets. It appeared I wasn't the only one looking to increase the performance of the cost-effective cabinet, so I spent a few evenings taking notes from several of the videos dedicated to this project. The one thing that I noticed were that many of the components were readily available from the local hardware/farm supply stores or items I had on my shelf in the shop.

The main problem associated with this type of cabinet as well as the more expensive units are the fact that they are syphon fed from the interior of the cabinet. This then draws sand in a vacuum / suction feed that can be at times temperamental causing the unit to clog and requiring a back flush of the system to clear the line. There are commercial kits available to gravity feed from the bottom of the cabinet by inserting a "Tee" like fitting on the trap door used to drain the cabinet in order to change media. The kits come in 3 variations, from basic to their more so called commercial series ranging from \$ 250-350. Looking at several designs I noticed others had good results using basic plumbing fittings to simulate the store bought kit. See photo #1

The "Tee" is held in place with a basic threaded wall flange and uses a gate valve to allow air to assist in the amount of media allowed in the system which can be adjusted while in use to measure the amount of media introduced into the system for optimal air/media mix. This modification alone reduces the amount of media needed to operate the unit from 40lbs to less than 10lbs as all the recycled media gravitates to the bottom of the pickup for recycling. I also upgraded the gun at this time to accommodate the increase amount of media I wanted to introduce to the unit in order to optimize its efficiency.



Photo #1

The next upgrade was to increase the cabinets' visibility while blasting. The cabinet came with plastic wear sheets to protect the glass sight shield from etching during blasting. These liners are a real hassle to replace as they have a tendency to stick to the glass and getting placed correctly through the side door was rather difficult. The videos suggested acquiring a piece of standard single thickness glass from the local hardware store (\$7 from Lowes cut to order) to replace the plastic sheets and thus making this piece of glass the sacrificial wear glass. I also placed threaded inserts into the cabinet to eliminate the use of a nut inside of the cabinet in order to remove the glass surround to access the glass for replacement. The glass surround can now be removed from outside of the cabinet without requiring you to access the hold back nuts from inside of the cabinet making the glass replacement much easier from outside of the unit. I also upgraded the lighting by replacing the rather small fluorescent light fixture with a standard flood light receptacle as seen in Photo #2.

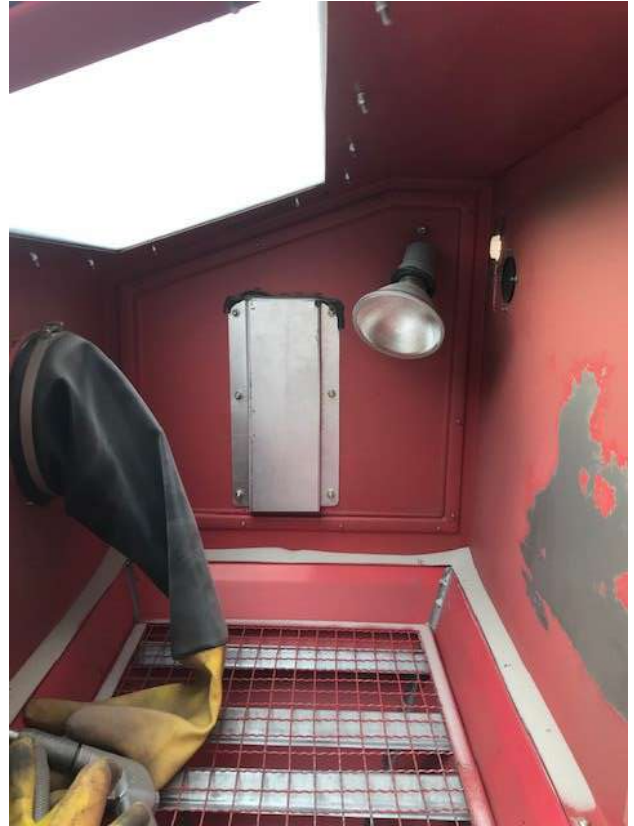


Photo #2

Visibility was also increased by dust removal while blasting. The cabinet is factory supplied with exhaust and air intake ports and there are several theories on proper placement of the suction/intake ports and the need for negative air intake charge for the proper discharge of the heavies that are being removed from your blasted pieces and not the lighter media. I made an adjustable air intake from scrap piece of aluminum with an adjustable air intake to assist in the increased suction of the vacuum system. See Photo #3.



Photo #3

In the past I had the cabinet hooked directly to a shop vacuum however when in use for a few hours the vacuum filter would become clogged from the media. I took the advice of the videos and made a chute to draw dust from lower part of the cabinet to lessen the amount of lost media which seems to be working rather well. I also installed a dust deputy available on line, however I purchased mine from Menards \$50, cheaper versions are available on eBay for \$13. This is a cyclone filter that reduces the amount of media that enters the vacuum and drops it in container before entering the vacuum. Since installing this filter I have seen little to no dust in my vacuum and a majority of the dust and debris is conveniently dropped into a bucket “kitty litter container” with a snap locking lid for ease of emptying the debris. See Photo #4.

I also upgraded the electrical by adding an external switch box that turns on the lighting and vacuum with one switch as an added convenience. See Photo #5.

I also added a piece of metal window screen to place on top of the shelf to keep small parts and debris from entering the media in the hopper reducing any chance of clogging the system.

The videos also suggest lowering the shelf by removing the factory installed shelf to accommodate larger items which I did. However, it’s not necessary as I use this cabinet for smaller items, primarily nut / bolt, small brackets and such. By lowering the shelf I added additional supports by using angle iron as support rods.



Photo #4

Photo #5



TP Products has a full line of accessories that are a little more commercially rated than those installed in the Harbor Freight cabinet, so while I had it apart, I upgraded the gloves and gun to my liking. See Photo #6.

I also upgraded my filtration and air regulator which was overdue. See Photo #7.

The results were impressive, wish I would had done this much sooner. It blasts nearly as well as the commercial unit we have at work. The cabinet sells at Harbor Freight for \$179 on sale and you can use a 20% off coupon bringing it down in the neighborhood of \$145. Add about another \$200 for the modifications and this unit will work as well as some of the lower line commercial blasters that typically start in the \$1000 range. The one modification I'm still considering is installing a foot valve in place of the trigger gun, but at this time I didn't feel I use the cabinet long enough to justify the added expense. I'm always available if you have questions regarding this upgrade so if I can help you with your own project.

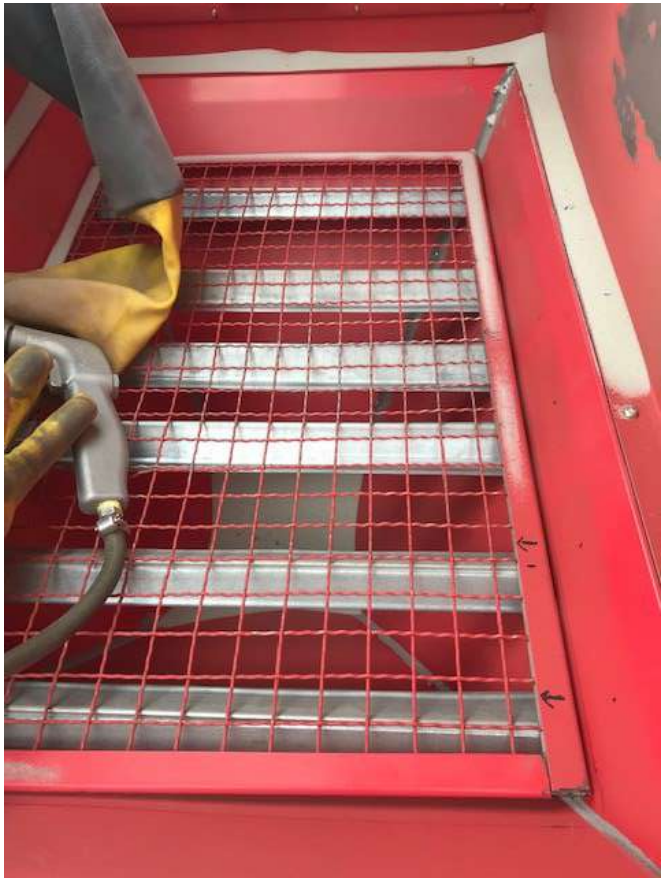


Photo #6



Photo #7



2019 Full Year Event Details::

June 3 – 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/>

June 12 – 15, 2019: - 2019 National Meet, Midwest City, OK

July 7th – 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

August 3rd – 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 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

- Dinner at 6:00 p.m. meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Address: 3579 Pennridge Drive, Bridgeton, 63044 (314) 298-1631
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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.
- Address: 3579 Pennridge Drive, Bridgeton, 63044 (314) 298-1631
- <https://www.sportscafe.biz/>

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.

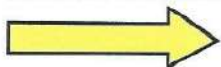
10:00 a.m. One hour trolley tour of historic Stillwater.

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

AmericInn

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

For additional information contact: Bill Darrow, 651-271-7213 or e-mail williamddarrow@msn.com Jim Jaeger, 763-226-1193 or e-mail jaegerjh@aol.com Mail to : 2019 Heartland Regional c/o Linda Paul 2138 Buhl Avenue North Saint Paul, Minnesota 55109-1711



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



BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA

Application for Membership

BCA Website
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. (Additional decals can be purchased from San Gabriel Valley Chapter.)

BCA MEMBERSHIP DUES SCHEDULE

Membership is on an annual basis beginning with the month following receipt of application. Membership is available in increments as follows:

	1 year	2 year	3 year
USA Periodical Class	\$50.00	\$95.00	\$130.00
USA First Class	\$70.00	\$130.00	\$200.00
Can. & Mexico Periodical	\$68.00	\$131.00	\$194.00
Can. & Mexico Priority	\$93.00	\$181.00	\$269.00
International Surface	\$68.00	\$131.00	\$194.00
International Air Mail	\$98.00	\$191.00	\$284.00
E-Membership	\$35.00		

(E-Membership is an online Bugle only; no hard copy — email required)

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 \$50.00.

Name: _____

Spouse (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
(include zip + 4 digit)

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.)

OFFICE USE ONLY

Check/Money Order # _____

Visa Mastercard Discover

Date Processed: _____

Expire Date: _____

1st Class Surface Air

The information entered on this application will appear in the Buick Club of America Roster when printed. If you prefer to have your information withheld from the Roster, 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)

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) 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 _____

Daytime Phone Number _____

Return Applications to:
Buick Club of America
P.O. Box 360775
Columbus, Ohio 43236-0775

E-mail:
buickcluboffice@aol.com

Questions?
Call (614) 472-3939
Fax (614) 472-3222