



Monthly Newsletter of the St Louis Chapter Buick Club of America

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Director's Letter

March 2021

Greetings,

Feeling optimistic...

Absolutely; it's a bright sunny day, we just came out of a two-week freeze, Covid-numbers are down, many of you have started receiving your vaccinations, and in a couple of short weeks we "Spring Forward." Hopefully, this means we are getting close to a new normal, the re-opening of events and seeing members again who have been locked down or doing the social distancing thing.

Upcoming Activities: Our first activity of the year, is our infamous Oil Spill. The purpose of this event is to reunite members, get our cars fired up after their long winter hibernation, and have them ready for the Annual Easter Car Show at Forest Park. **Well, Kinda, Sorta**; yes, we will have the Oil Spill as planned, but there is a twist/options available for an Easter Show.

- **March 6th - "Paul Meyer Memorial Oil Spill"**: We will be meeting at Greg's Auto Service and Repair on Midland Blvd, again this year. Thanks, Greg. The club provides food for this event and requests that everyone bring their drinks and lawn chair. Ladies always welcome. So PLEASE; charge your battery, fire up your Buick, come out, hang with friends and spill some oil.
- **April 4th, HCCMO Easter Car Show at Forest Park: (CANCELLED)**
 - Sorry folks, St. Louis city parks are closed, so this is not going to happen this year.
- **April 4th, St. Louis Street Rod Association: 35th Annual, "The Real Easter Show"**
 - Pre-registration: \$20.00, Day of Show: \$25.00

- St. Charles Family Arena, 2002 Arena Parkway, St. Charles, MO 63303 Phone: 636-896-4200

Election of Officers:

- **2021 Terms of Officers expire:**
 - Director: Chet Palumbo
 - Asst. Director: Bill Landers
 - Treasurer: Pete Nathan
 - Secretary: Monica Ledwon
- **REMINDER:** March Meeting: Nominations for these positions are finalized. If you are interested in being considered for an Officer's position, Please contact Ted Becker before the March meeting.

Congratulations...!!!

Monica Ledwon – Fortieth Anniversary St. Louis Gateway Chapter - BCA

This month's edition of the Gazette is dedicated to our longtime friend and member Monica Ledwon who is celebrating her 40th Anniversary with the club. The following tribute to Monica explains how she became interested in cars, classic cars and finally developed her love for Buicks. Monica currently serves as our club Secretary. In the past, she served eight years as Editor of the Gazette from 1984 to 1991, and four years as Secretary from 1987 to 1990, while serving as Secretary, she continued to maintain her position as Editor.

**Monica, congratulations on your 40th Anniversary and
Thank You for the many years of service and dedication to our club.**

All for now...

Enjoy!

Chet

Meeting Minutes, February 1, 2021

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- The February meeting was held at the **Sports Café in Bridgeton** and was facilitated by Chet Palumbo, Director. **14** Members were present.
- Chet opened the meeting at 7:00pm with **The Pledge of Allegiance** of the United States.
- Chet thanked everyone for attending.
- **In compliance with Covid-19 Guidelines**, members were required to wear masks when not eating, the Club provided Masks, Gloves, and Hand Sanitizer to those who forgot.
- **January Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Bob Windal to approve the January Meeting Minutes, second by Larry Longworth and approved by all.



Member News:

- Ed Keil, a longtime member, passed away January 24th, with services and interment held on Saturday, January 30th. The February Gazette was dedicated in honor of Ed's service to the club and a sympathy card was signed by all present.
- Larry and Nancy Longworth recovering from Covid. Larry reported that it was not a fun experience that lasted for at least a week and involved lots of coughing spells.
- Chet introduced a guest, Dale Kohler, who owns a 1954 Buick Super 2dr Hardtop.



Member Check-in:

- Pete Nathan reported that the Buick 340 engine is being removed from his 1935 Buick street rod. The engine has 106,000 miles and will be rebuilt and the car ready for the Easter Show.
- Doug Bremer is still dealing with aftereffects of a previous surgery. He is scheduled for further testing.
- Scott Keller is having trouble with his 2001 Regal GS in its overheating problem. He thinks it is an intake gasket and will be replacing it soon. He is also rebuilding an engine for his Grand National.
- Larry Longworth gave a report on the Covid bout he and his wife are just now overcoming. He advised strongly that it is something to be avoided. He said his cars are safely tucked away for their cold winter nap. When the weather turns better, he will be fixing the A/C system on his T Type.
- Geoff Lockett is rewiring the front end of his 1949 Buick Sedanette (which he reported is the most beautiful car ever produced). He also needs to replace the front and rear crank seals on the straight 8-engine. Bill Bicknell has provided details of how to do the with the engine and transmission still in the car.

- Mark and Sheree Kistner are working diligently to complete their 1970 Skylark with and an upgraded 455 engine. The car is soon to be repainted a bright red and looking forward to showing it at the upcoming Regionals.
- Bob Windal is redoing the interior on his 70 GS455 convertible.
- Bill and Ginny Landers have sold their 1962 Buick Electra.
- Dale Kohler has a 54 Super 2 door hardtop that is in the process of restoring to driving condition. He has done some metal work on the car with a new floor pan and rocker panels. The firewall is detailed and ready to have the engine installed. He is preparing to have the original 322 Nailhead engine rebuilt for the car. He also owns a 1995 Riviera as his daily driver. He drove the car to the meeting and reported that it is an original 80,000-mile car.
- Ted Becker obtained an Eastwood TIG welder and is trying to get it to work properly. A new power cable and gas tube were recently purchased which seems to make the welder operational.
- Chet Palumbo says his 37 Buick Coupe is coming along steadily. He also expanded his Buick fleet to include a 1956 Buick Wagon.

Treasurer's Report: (Pete Nathan).

- **Club Account:**
- **50/50 Charity Fund:**
- **Regional Account:**
- **Motion made by Larry Longworth to accept the Treasurer's Report, second by Bill Landers, approved by all.**

BCA Club News:

- **National News:**
 - 2021 50th Buick National Dual Meet Celebration
 - Charlotte, NC June 30th – July 3rd, 2021 (Concord, NC)
 - Cleveland, OH, July 7th – 10, 2021 (Strongsville, OH)
 - **Email (Survey Monkey) requesting information on members interested in attending the national events and thoughts about Covid. All are urged to reply.**
- **Regional News:**
 - **2021 Heartland Regional Meet, Chesterfield, MO. September 08 – 11, 2021**
 - **Host Hotel: Doubletree Hilton in Chesterfield, MO**
 - *Sponsorship: St. Louis Buick Dealer Advertising Association.*
 - **Event Updates:**
 - October 6th, the new web link is available for scheduling rooms for our 2021 event.
 - **2021 Event Registrations: 6** (Bill Landers)
 - **2020 Regional Shirts** - will be used for 2021 Heartland Regional
 - Available for sale, see Chet. Tee Shirts \$15.00 and Polo Shirts \$20.00
- **Gateway Buick Performance Chapter (BCA).**
 - **Next Meeting is: Sunday February 7 at J Green Pub on Manchester.**
 - **Larry also asked for prayers for their member Mike George.**

Old Business:

- **Reminder**, January meeting: Motion made by Larry Longworth to donate the club's portion of funds received from the 50/50 Drawing to Charity, second by Geoff Lockett, approved by all.
- **Annual Board Meeting**: Was held on January 20th at the Sport's Café in Bridgeton.
- **Meeting Results distributed** to all club members on January 27th included:
 - Minutes of the meeting,
 - 2020 Financial Review
 - List of expected 2021-2022 Website fees
 - 2021 Events Calendar (Tentative)
- **Questions/Concerns**:
 - None

New Business:

- **2021 Terms of Officers expire**:
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- **Election of Officers Process**:
 - **January Club Meeting**, announcement made that terms expire
 - **January Board Meeting**,
 - Ted Becker assigned coordinator for the election of officers
 - Chet, Bill, Pete, and Monica all requested reconsideration for another two-year term.
 - **On January 22**, Ted Becker emailed members information on the process, duties of each position and requested all who were interested to contact him.
 - **February Meeting: Nominations begin**
 - **March Meeting: Nominations finalized.**
 - **April Gazette**, announce candidates and if a vote is required
 - **April Meeting**, vote if required
 - **May**, New terms begin

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- <http://gregsautoservices.us/>
- [The event will be confirmed to occur in March according to Greg's agreement to hold it.](#)

Upcoming Events (OTHER):

April 4th – Easter Car Show –

- Scott Keller reported that the HCCA (event coordinator) have secured the Family Arena in St Charles as the venue for this year's show. St Louis city government is not allowing events such as this show until the pandemic has subsided.
- The modified car show normally located in the lower parking lot has till not confirmed their plans.
- Scott is in contact with Joe Yochim to provide an update

50/50 Drawing: \$21 total, with \$10.50 going to Bob Windal

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**Motion to adjourn made by Larry Longworth, Seconded by Geoff Lockett.  
Approved by all at 7:49 PM.**

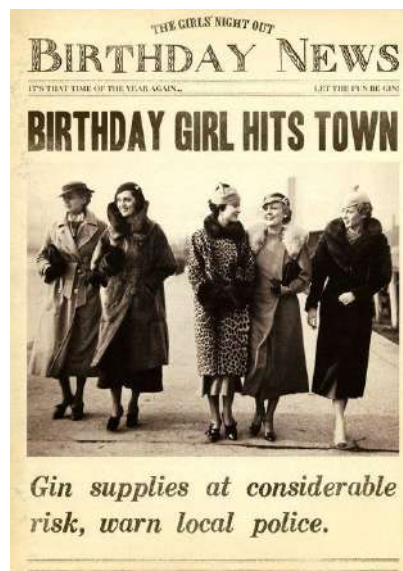


### March Birthdays

Bill Landers  
Dave Pollmann  
Mary Ann Meyer  
Joe Yochim

### March Anniversaries

Denny & Susan LaBantschnig



# Member Spotlight

## Monica Ledwon

By Monica Ledwon

This month's Gazette features Monica Ledwon, celebrating 40 years of Gateway Chapter Buick Club membership in the month of March 2021. Throughout these four decades, the club and old Buicks have been a major part of her life.

Monica was born in DePaul Hospital and brought home from her birth in a 1950 Buick Special 41D. She was to have a happy childhood on pastoral acreage her Grandmother Helen bought in Black Jack, Missouri in 1935. Each of this woman's sons, Hans and Rudy, built homes adjacent to hers making for a Waltersam family compound also known as Waltersam Acres. Monica, an only child, enjoyed her formative years here with her younger cousins climbing trees, digging in dirt, commandeering the chicken barn's hayloft for a fort, playing Barbie dolls as well as baseball and being surrounded by male figures who worked on cars.



There was always some engine work going on in both her dad's and uncle's garages. One day, when she was seven in 1960, there was quite a commotion going on at her uncle's driveway. He was driving up in an original 1930 Model A coupe with rumble seat. Her uncle, Hans, had decided this would be a cool classic car to tool around in for fun and restore. The moment the black Model A came to a stop, Monica ran up to the car and kissed its driver's door. Old car love had struck her like lightning!

The many memories of A Model rides, to the ice cream store sitting in the rumble seat with her cousins and a black lab made a deep impression on Monica. Care and concern about a car's welfare were ingrained in her. Uncle Hans decreed that the weather had to be perfect to pull the Model A out. Once when there was puddle in the driveway, Monica and her cousins were told to bail the water out so as not to have the wooden spoked wheels splashed to meet his criteria for a ride. Driving a cool classic car was to be in her future.

As a little girl, her dad, Rudy, taught her to identify the different brands of automobiles by the shape of the taillight lenses when cruising around in the Buick. As Monica grew older, near driving age, she and her dad would always hit the dealer show room floors every fall to examine and discuss the new models. And when the family daily driver Buick approached 19 years of service, Monica was allowed to make some decisions on the replacement vehicle. Though her

first choice of a '69 GTX was vetoed by her dad as a grocery getter for Mama, her dad did approve a '69 V-8 Chevy Nova coupe in forest green. He even OK'd Monica's special-order choice of rally wheels and red pin stripped tires for a sportier style.

After an insulting offer from Milner Chevrolet of \$50 for trade-in on the '50, Monica began putting the pressure on her dad to save to the car for a future restoration project. Pointing out all the fun the family has had with the Model A, and twisting his arm a bit more by saying, "How could you part with that perpetually grinning chrome grill?", she succeeded in getting her future dream car stored under the hayloft of her grandmother's barn with 98K miles on the odometer. Monica knew the car would someday be on the road again.

Eleven years passed by. She graduated from Hazelwood High School, went on to attain a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from UMSL, met and married a guy named Tom Ledwon who also like working on cars and customizing them. Professionally, her calling was the to the library for which she worked 33 years in the Thornhill Branch of the SLCL system.

In 1979 Rudy gave his daughter what she thought was a task of Hercules. Find a 1950 Buick shop manual and the restoration of the car in the chicken barn will begin. Using her librarian skills, an ad for a '50 Buick Shop manual was found in the classified section of the magazine Antique Automobile. You can imagine his surprise when opening a certain Christmas gift that year!

So, on April 28 of 1980 the restoration was launched. Hans hooked up tow ropes to the Buick and with his '42 Case Tractor and drug the car from her ten-year silent storage. Wheels creaked and brake lines burst as she was towed two driveways down the road back into her home garage.

Every weekend for the next three years was spent working on the '50. They almost, but not quite, did a frame off restoration. The engine/transmission assemblies were removed, bumper systems dismantled, fenders, trunk, hood were taken off including wheel wells. Rudy was the brains behind the engine mechanics, his brother Hans was the paint master, and Tom and Monica did nonstop grunt work. She scraped grease off of the frame with

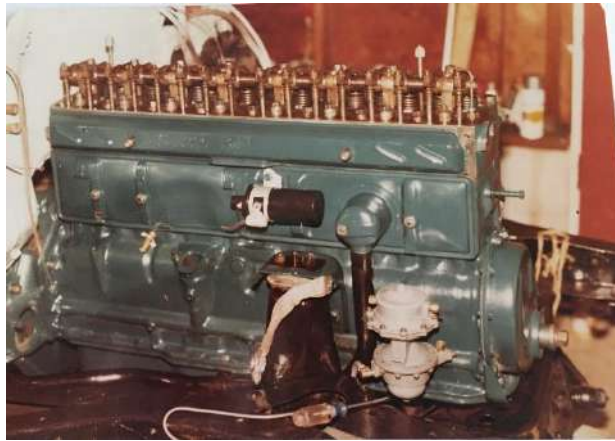


putty knives, steel drill brushes and coal oil, sanded the body relentlessly and did the majority of finding replacement parts for the car.

The remaining hulk of the car was jacked up and put on four sections of tree trunks fashioning a homemade lift used for over a year while engine



work proceeded on an old maple wood table in the basement. Very few projects were contracted out: only honing the cylinder block with a valve job, interior upholstery, a rebuild of hydraulic shocks, some sandblasting, re-chroming and a new exhaust system. Rudy spent a week's worth of his vacation installing a new wiring harness. Hans primed and painted body parts in sections as long as humidity was at or less than 40%. And Monica spent hours in the evenings at her kitchen table hand painting the B-U-I-C-K E-I-G-H-T lettered script on the hub caps and front bumper brace.



In March of 1981, a car show was advertised in the Post-Dispatch classifieds at Mallory Buick at Page & Lindbergh sponsored by the Gateway Chapter Buick Club. Seeking help and technical advice, Monica, Tom and Rudy came, introduced themselves and told of their project car that was not yet road worthy. She, being the instigator of the project, then signed up for a membership to the club. Ceremoniously, Bob Huff drew up the paperwork for a member who was a girl! And from there

Monica met a treasure trove of friends and compatriots who gave tips, moral support and even offered usable parts for the car. They even met Hal Wallis who suggested they might buy his raggedy '50 Roadmaster Straight 8 to use as a parts car. That poor stepchild Buick supplied them with many spare nuts, bolts, brackets hose clamps, and four spiffier hub caps along with the visual knowledge of any uncertainty on part installations or connections.



On a fall Saturday in 1983, the Horseless Carriage Club hosted a classic car show at Northwest Plaza. The 1950 Buick Special 41D made her debut and took home 3<sup>rd</sup> prize. Monica's dream was realized. She went on to have many fun adventures with the car and the Gateway Chapter club. The most memorable was an invitation to bring the Buick to the Ritz Carlton Ballroom as a centerpiece for the Washington University's 40<sup>th</sup> class reunion. That was incredibly exciting and scary. The hotel had two garage size doors that opened to adjoin an upper indoor parking area. Tom had the driving bravado to guide the car down two ramps onto the exclusive

carpeted dining room. The celebrating graduates quickly gathered round to have their picture taken with the car.

Many good times were had by Monica and her father attending shows, dinners and field trips in club convoy formation. But as time went on her parents passed, Monica and Tom separated and began new lives without the '50 Buick. It was sorrowfully sold in 2004 to a Texan from the hill country after being in the family 54 years. Monica inherited her parents' 1985 Regal LTD, the last



new car they purchased, and began anew another Buick's renovation. She always stayed connected to the Gateway Chapter.

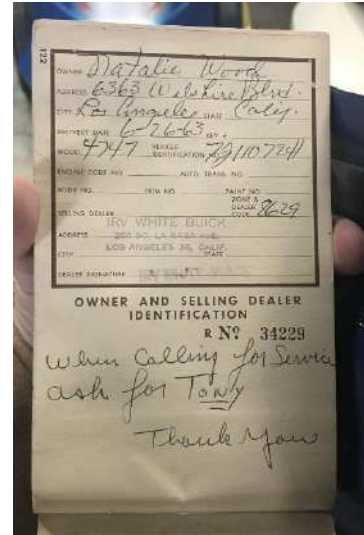
Holding the position of Secretary for several terms in her history with the club, she also was Editor of the Gateway Gazette from 1984 to 1991. Those were the days of typing and laying out a master copy, sending it to a printshop and then affixing postage and hand addressing each member's copy.

Monica is most thankful to members of the Gateway Chapter Buick Club, past and present, who always had a word of wisdom for her whether it be solving a mechanical issue or solving an issue in life. Those mentors are Ted Becker, Ray Fellenstein, Aaron Ford, Bob Huff, Ed Lanfer, John Pegg and Dave Smith.





# ***Buicks of the Rich and Famous***



**Natalie Wood's 1963 Buick Riviera**



**Miranda Lambert likes her 1978(?) Buick Electra convertible**

# ***Gazette Centerfolds***



# *Thoughts on Electric Cars*

By Ted Becker

This latest mess in Texas with their power grid sure raises some issues about the viability of electric cars. In other words, “if power demand or power outage can cause this much chaos, how can an increased demand from electric cars possibly be viable?” Extreme ambient temperatures, either hot or cold cause dramatic increases in power demand. That is caused by increase usage of air conditioning in hot weather or heating in cold weather. As seen in Texas these last few weeks, the loss of 25% of their supply due to windmill icing, absolutely crippled an entire state (Ed Note: both of my sisters included).

The short answer to that question is that it cannot. Windmills don’t work when the wind stops blowing and solar panels don’t work at night. Dams do not produce much in draughts when the water level is low. Extreme temperatures can produce all or some of these shortcomings. If this is the case, then are the majority of cars on the road able to be charged under all conditions? Well, with our current infrastructure, they can’t.

Let’s start at the beginning as to why electric in the first place. The commonly held belief that they are “green” is a myth. True, the cars themselves don’t produce any emissions, but how about how the electricity to power the car is produced? Coal and natural gas power plants run on about a 20 to 25% thermal efficiency. In other words, it takes 4 to 5 units of energy (in the form of coal or natural gas) to produce 1 unit of electrical power. A modern gasoline powered car operates at about 40% thermal efficiency. This is due to improvements in engine efficiency such as variable valve timing, fuel injection and computer-controlled spark advance. In addition to operating efficiencies, just think about the production of batteries and its environmental impact. So, if electricity could be produced reliably, cheaply, and environmentally friendly, it would make a lot of sense. Short of harnessing the electrical power in a bolt of lightning (which has tremendous energy) that seems to be either impossible or somewhere off in the future.

On the plus side of electric cars, they perform extremely well. Since an electric motor produces max torque at 0 RPM, they accelerate from a dead stop much better than a conventional internal combustion engine can perform. There is no transmission to shift and the electric motor makes virtually no noise.

Maybe, in the future, it can be a panacea, but I sure don’t see it in today’s world.

Just my thoughts. *Ted*





## STL Gateway Chapter – BCA 2021 Event Details

**With Covid, I would consider all dates on this year's Event Calendar as "TENTATIVE".  
We will verify events and send out notifications as we go...**

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- [\[Pete Nathan reservations and Food\]](#)

### **~~April 4<sup>th</sup> – Easter Car Show – Forest Park Muny Parking Lot (Other: non club event)...???~~**

- ~~Club Fee = \$150 for 10 cars, with \$15.00 for each additional car.~~
- ~~Show Cutoff date = April 1, payment cutoff for club members = March Meeting~~
- ~~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...???~~

Cancelled due to Covid

### **April 5<sup>th</sup> – Monthly Meeting -- Sports Café in Bridgeton**

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

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### **May 15<sup>th</sup> – Laura Buick GMC Car Show...???**

- 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.
- [Chet contact Jack Anderson]

### **June 7<sup>th</sup> – Monthly Meeting -- Sports Café in Bridgeton**

- Dinner at 6:00 p.m. meeting at 7:00 p.m.
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### **July 11<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
- [Pete Nathan, Reservations and Food]

### **BCA - Dual National Meets:**

- June 30<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, Charlotte, NC, (Concord, NC)
- July 7<sup>th</sup> – July 10, 2021, Cleveland, OH, (Strongsville, OH)

### **August 2<sup>nd</sup> – Monthly Meeting -- Sports Café in Bridgeton**

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### **August 28<sup>th</sup> – September BBQ, Monthly Meeting, & Regional 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 6<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day 2020 - MONDAY**

### **September 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021: 2020 Heartland Regional Meet, Chesterfield, MO**

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

### **September 12<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
- [Ted Becker and Geoff Lockett]

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### **October 30<sup>th</sup> – Collector Car Trivia Night --** (Other: non-club event)

- Sponsored by the Archway Oldsmobile Club
- 7:00 pm – 11:00pm
- Location: American Legion 312, 2500 Raymond Drive, St. Charles, MO 63301
- \$160.00 per table, \$20.00 per person
- If you are interested in attending, contact Ted Becker

### **November 1<sup>st</sup> – Monthly Meeting / Salute to Veterans / Food Drive --** Sports Café in Bridgeton

- **Annual Salute to Veterans, with free cake for all.**
- **Bring canned or box foods for our Annual Food Drive**
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### **December 5<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/>
  - [\[Chet Palumbo reservations w/Steven, General Manager, Total = 25, 10 per table, 6' apart\]](#)
- \*\*\* Don't forget to bring a toy for Toys for Tots \*\*\*

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### **January 9<sup>th</sup> – Monthly Meeting / Holiday Party**

- **CJ Muggs in Webster Groves**
- Starts at 4:00 p.m.
- Address: 101 W. Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves 63119 • (314) 963-1976
- <http://www.cjmuggs.com/webster.htm>
- [Chet Palumbo reservations, Pete Nathan door prizes]

*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

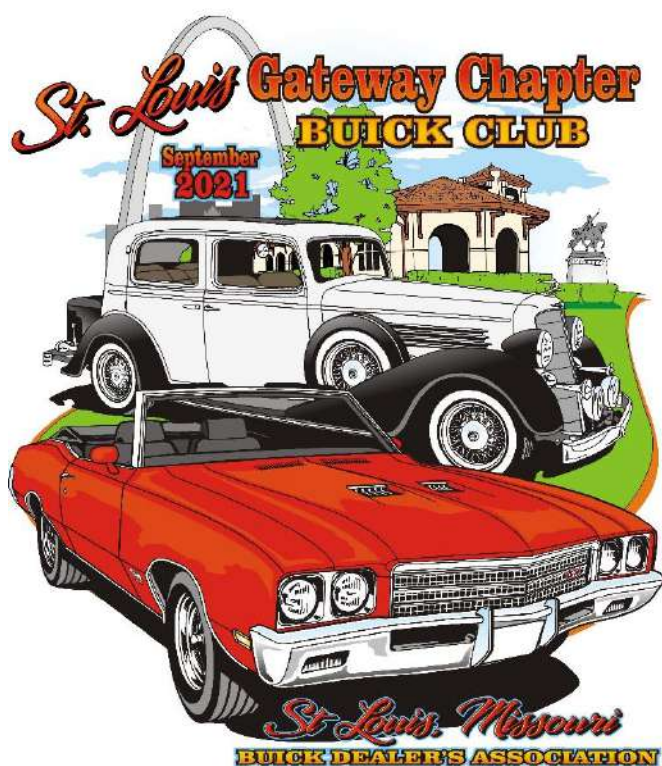
The Gateway Chapter meets monthly on the FIRST MONDAY of the month. Meetings begin at 7:00 PM and guests are welcome to attend. We meet at various restaurants around St. Louis and most members and guests try to arrive by 6:00 or earlier to have dinner before the meeting.

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

|                            |                                 |                                                   |                           |
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**Buick Club of America  
2021 Heartland Regional Meet  
September 8 – 11, 2021**

*Hosted by the St. Louis Gateway Chapter*

**Doubletree by Hilton Hotel  
Chesterfield, MO**

Free Breakfast  
Starbucks coffee available 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 - 2009          |
| H   | REATTA               |
| I   | RIVIERA              |
| J   | TURBO                |
| K   | 1965 - 1975 GS       |
| M-1 | MODIFIED - Mild      |
| M-2 | MODIFIED - Resto-Rod |
| M-3 | MODIFIED - Radical   |

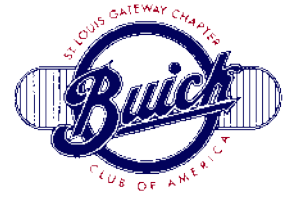




## GATEWAY CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND PROFILE SHEET

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Military History: Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Service: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rank/Duties/Veteran of a Foreign War: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### ***Buick Club of America Information:*** <https://stlouisbuickclub.net/membership>

**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

## 2021 Heartland Regional Meet Registration September 08 – 11, 2021 in Chesterfield, Missouri Hosted by the St. Louis Gateway Chapter

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

### What names should we print on your nametags?

Yours: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/guest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Your Chapter Affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

### Host Hotel

### Doubletree by Hilton Hotel – Chesterfield

16625 Swingley Road  
Chesterfield, Missouri 63017-1798

To make a reservation, log on to our  
website and download the link to the  
Hotel.

<https://stlouisbuickclub.net/2021-regional>  
(available October, 2020)

Check-in: 3:00 PM, Check-out: 12:00 Noon  
Rooms: \$119 + ~16% tax

- Rates apply to reservations by 08/21/2021
- Rates apply 2 days before & after event
- Rates include a complimentary hot  
Breakfast for two (2)

### Peer Judging

#### 15 Classes: (through year 2009)

A.(1903-'42) B.(46-'52) C.(53-'58)  
D.(59-'66) E.(67-'72) F.(73-'95)  
G.(96-2009) H. Reattas, I. Rivasas,  
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 08/21/2021.
- Choose at least one registration category. You may choose more than one.
- No "display only" class, all cars on show field subject to peer judging.

Entry and Guest w/o car ..... \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

Entry and Guest with car ..... \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Cars ..... Qty. \_\_\_\_ @ \$20 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

### Show and Tour Schedule

**Wednesday, Sept. 8** 4:00 – 6:00 PM Registration (Hospitality – Conference Room – D)  
**Thursday, Sept. 9** 9:00 AM.....Registration Open (Hospitality – Conference Room – D)  
1:00 PM.....Fast Lane Classic Cars and Tour Historic St. Charles  
7:00 PM.....Welcoming Party - Hors d'oeuvres, & beverages at no charge - # attending \_\_\_\_  
**Friday, Sept. 10** 10:00 AM.....Driving Tour to Daniel Boone Home (Guided Tour of home – \$6:00 optional)  
12:00 (Noon).....Box Lunch at Daniel Boone Home **\$10.00 each, # attending \_\_\_\_ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
1:00 PM.....Leave Daniel Boone Home, Driving Tour through Missouri Wine Country  
2:00 PM.....Chandler Hill Winery, wine tasting, relaxing and fellowship.  
**Saturday, Sept. 11** 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM.....Peer Judging  
1:00 - 2:30 PM.....Regional Meeting – Return Judging Forms (Hospitality Room)  
6:00 - 7:00 PM.....Cocktail Hour - prior to Awards Banquet (Cash Bar – Great Room)  
7:00 - 10:00 PM.....Banquet: Beef Qty. \_\_\_\_, Chicken Qty. \_\_\_\_, Salmon Qty. \_\_\_\_  
**Total @ \$20.00 each: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

### QUESTIONS? - Contact

**Chet Palumbo** – Show Director:  
636-443-5686 [cpalumbo@centurytel.net](mailto:cpalumbo@centurytel.net)  
**Bill Landers** – Registration and Judging:  
636-916-3310 [walanders@hotmail.com](mailto:walanders@hotmail.com)  
**Pete Nathan** – Hotel:  
314-413-2966 [phnauto@aol.com](mailto:phnauto@aol.com)  
**Ted Becker** – Show Field, Swap Meet,  
Car Corral, and Trailer Parking:  
309-256-9860  
[gearhead46@centurytel.net](mailto:gearhead46@centurytel.net)  
**Jeanne Palumbo** – Hospitality Room:  
636-443-5673 [jpalmbo@centurytel.net](mailto:jpalmbo@centurytel.net)

### Event Apparel

Available at:  
Registration and Hospitality

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

White or Black Polo shirts  
All Sizes: \$20.00

**NOTE: No cancellation  
refunds after 8/21/2021.**

### TOTAL AMOUNT

Include; Registration, Box Lunch and  
Banquet: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form with your check or money  
order payable to: St. Louis Gateway Chapter  
BCA 2021, to the following address:

**William Landers - BCA 2021**  
**66 Summit Point Ct.**  
**Saint Charles, MO 63301**

**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**  
**Office Hours:**  
**M-F 9:00-5:00 (Central)**