



Monthly Newsletter of the St Louis Chapter Buick Club of America

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Director's Letter

May 2021

Oh my..., It's May already...

2021 is moving by at warp speed and before you know it, it is going to be SEPTEMBER, and the #1 thing on my mind is:

2021 Heartland Regional:

- Last month we received new “2021” artwork and requested proofs for banners and trophies, and printed fliers for the Gateway Performance Group to hand out at the GS Nationals.
- Mark Kistner brought me a truckload of door prizes from Gates; hats, frisbees, key chains, and a couple of really nice clocks. **Thank You, Mark!**
- **What can you do...???**
 - Please mark this event on your calendar, remember ALL HANDS ON DECK...!!!
 - Hit the streets and see what you can find for donations that can be used for door prizes and raffles. Remember all money received from raffles will go to Shriner's Hospital.
 - And last but not least, **PLEASE** get your registrations in.

Member News, or folks that I'm concerned about, Please keep in your prayers:

- Steve and Sherry Dodson
- Pat Bulfin, home recovering from surgery
- Doug Bremer, home recovering from surgery

May 1 – Club Dues are Due, \$25.00:

- In the past, we mailed “Delinquent Notices” in November to members who had not paid their dues. This year, as requested by some of our members, we will mail “Reminder Notices” in May to everyone.

Old Cars - Golden Quill Award winners of 2020:

Once again, the BCA, the Heartland Region, and our own little **Gazette** were recognized for their excellence.

- 2020 National Luxury: **Buick Bugle**, Pete Phillips, editor, Buick Club of America (BCA)
- Regions/Chapters 2020
 - Full-Size Chapters: **Porthole**, Fred Syrdal, editor, Gopher State Chapter-Buick Club of America
 - Compact Chapters: **Gateway Gazette**, Ted Becker, editor, St. Louis Gateway Chapter-Buick Club of America
- Honorable Mention: **Exhaust Valve**, Jim Jaeger, editor, Fireball Chapter-Buick Club of America

Special thanks to Ted Becker, Monica Ledwon, and to everyone who submit articles that contribute to the success of our newsletter. Thank You...!!!

Events:

Last month we joined the Gateway Buick Performance Enthusiast group for their monthly meeting held at the Grafton Winery. This was a great venue for a “Dual-Chapter” meeting and was a great opportunity to hang out with our Buick friends and enjoy the day. We started indoors, and as it warmed up, everyone moved outside. Truly hope we can do this again, soon. If you missed it, read all about it in the following Gazette.

Event Updates:

- **BCA - Dual National Meets: (CANCELLED)**
 - ~~June 30th – July 3rd, 2021, Charlotte, NC, (Concord, NC)~~
 - ~~July 7th – July 10, 2021, Cleveland, OH, (Strongsville, OH)~~
- **July 1-3 - AACA Central Spring Nationals Auburn, IN (NEW)**
 - **Buick and Hudson Spotlight!**
 - <https://forums.aaca.org/topic/360450-special-announcement-aaca-meet-auburn-in-buick-and-hudson-spotlight/>
- **July 18th – Club BBQ & Monthly Meeting at Love Park (Muffin Pavilion) (NEW DATE)**
 - 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

I’m hoping after everyone gets vaccinated, we’ll start seeing more of you at our upcoming meetings and events. Especially the Club BBQ in July.

Election of Officers:

- **BCA National Board Elections:**

It's that time of the year again when we vote for three board members. This year we have four very qualified candidates, so please vote. Representing the Heartland Region and the western side of Missouri is our buddy Ricky Pirch, Director of the Mid-America Chapter. Please give him your consideration. Bio's for Ricky Pirch, Larry Schramm, John Steed our current President, and Jack Welch are in this month's Bugle.

- **STL Gateway Chapter:**

The following Officers begin their next two-year term on May 1, 2021.

- Director: Chet Palumbo
- Asst. Director: Bill Landers
- Treasurer: Pete Nathan
- Secretary: Monica Ledwon

Bill, Pete, and Monica, "Thank You" for your leadership and all the work you do for the club, and I look forward to working with you again during this next term.

Thank You...!!!

All for now...

And remember, stay healthy, wash your hands, wear your masks, and get in line for your Covid vaccinations.

Enjoy!

Chet

Meeting Minutes, April 5th, 2021

- The March meeting was held at the Sports Café in Bridgeton and was facilitated by Chet Palumbo, Director. 13 Members were present.
- Chet opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with The Pledge of Allegiance of the United States.
- Chet thanked everyone for attending.
- In compliance with Covid-19 Guidelines, members are requested to wear masks when not eating, the club provided masks and hand sanitizer for all.
- March Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Geoff Lockett to approve the March Meeting Minutes, second by Jim Hall and approved by all.

Member News:

- Steve and Sherrie Dodson – Both are getting along with their health issues.
- Patrick Bulfin – getting a new right-side pacemaker.
- Mathew Smyth moving to California, 55 Buick Special moving to Florida.
- Who has received their Covid Shots? Ten out of thirteen members raised their hands.

- Doug Bremer – club wishes him well on undergoing second hernia repair surgery.

Member Check-in

- Pete Nathan is having Greg's Auto rebuild the engine on his '36 as it has over 100k.
- Jim Hall is still driving his '99 daily driver Buick.
- Geoff Lockett is re-running wiring under the dash of his '49 and has had no shorts so far.
- Ted Becker bought a new Hobart welder for his metal work hobby and is helping Adam Martin refurbish a 364 engine on a '57 Buick.
- Aaron Ford is wiring taillights on his '37 Buick and enjoying going to various swap meets around the country. He found a complete set of 1936 dealer showroom Buick posters to add to his collectibles in Oklahoma.
- Scott Keller is replacing a head gasket in his '01 Regal GS
- Doug Bremer reported mice in his Buick and has had some success in hunting them down.
- Chet Palumbo is working on his new project car, a '56 Special wagon and continuing on his '37's restoration.
- Monica Ledwon had her '99 Avalon's third brake light replaced which finally burned out after 22 years of service.
- Bob Windal is, as usual, sprucing up his '70 GS.

Treasurer's Report: (Pete Nathan).

- Club Account:
- 50/50 Charity Fund:
- Regional Account:
- Motion made by Jim Hall to accept the Treasurer's Report,
Second by Geoff Lockett, approved by all.

BCA Club News:

- National News:
 - *2021 50th Buick National Dual Meet Celebration*
 - ~~Charlotte, NC June 30th—July 3rd, 2021 (Concord, NC) - Cancelled~~
 - ~~Cleveland, OH, July 7th—10, 2021 (Strongsville, OH) - Cancelled~~
 - 2022, June 22-25, BCA National Meet, Lisle, Illinois.
 - Hosted by the Chicagoland Chapter
 - 2023, July 12-15, BCA National Meet, Spokane, Washington
 - Hosted by the Inland Northwest Chapter
- 2021, July 1-3 - AACA Central Spring Nationals Auburn, IN
 - Buick and Hudson Spotlight!
 - See 3/29/21 email for details or notify Chet and he will resend information to you.

- 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: N/A as Bill Landers was absent.
 - 2020 Regional Shirts - will be used for 2021 Heartland Regional
 - Available for sale, see Chet. Tee Shirts \$15.00 and Polo Shirts \$20.00
 - Raffle Items and Door Prizes Needed...!!! Chet will investigate more avenues of communication for the club's gathering of items.
 - Scott Keller will continue to work on the idea of Regional show participants getting a chance to run their vehicles at Gateway/Worldwide Tech Raceways.
- Gateway Buick Performance Chapter (BCA).
 - Next Meeting is Sunday, April 11th at the Grafton Winery
 - STL Gateway Chapter to attend – RSVP Required
- Buick GS 40th Annual Nationals:
 - May 12 – 15, 2021, Beach Bend Raceway, Bowling Green KY
 - Distribute Fliers for the 2021 Heartland Regional

Old Business:

New Business:

- 2021 Terms of Officers expire:
 - Director: Chet Palumbo
 - Asst. Director: Bill Landers
 - Treasurer: Pete Nathan
 - Secretary: Monica Ledwon
- 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.*
 - *Director: Chet Palumbo*
 - *Asst. Director: Bill Landers*
 - *Treasurer: Pete Nathan*
 - *Secretary: Monica Ledwon*
 - *Ted Becker reported that he had not received any requests for additional candidates.*
 - *March Minutes, with candidates listed, was posted in the Gazette.*
 - *April Gazette, announce candidates and if a vote is required*

- April Meeting: No challengers, the list of officers will remain with those currently in office, no vote Required.
 - May, New terms begin

Next Meeting:

May 3rd – Monthly Meeting -- Sports Café in Bridgeton

- Dinner at 6:00 p.m. meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Address: 3579 Penridge Drive, Bridgeton, 63044 (314) 298-1631

Past Events:

March 6 – “Paul Meyer Memorial Oil Spill” Greg’s Auto Service and Repair

Report: Nice time was had by all. Chris, the shop mechanic, facilitated all the oil changes by operating the lift. The club showed their appreciation by giving him a \$50 gratuity.

April 4th, St. Louis Street Rod Association; 35th Annual, “The Real Easter Show” held at the Family Arena in St. Charles. Report:

Monica Ledwon and Doug Bremer gave the show great rave reviews. It was a hugely successful event with many spectators treated to a magnificent array of classic cars as well as tricked out hot rods. The smell of fossil fuel in the air and sounds of crackling headers were intoxicating. They concluded it was better than the “Easter Show”!

Upcoming CLUB Events:

April 11th -- Gateway Buick Performance Enthusiast - Monthly Meeting - RSVP

- Grafton Winery
- Lunch at 12:30 p.m. meeting at 1:00 p.m., drink wine, and hang out till...???
- 300 W Main Street, Grafton, IL 62037 618-786-3001

May 15th – *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.

Upcoming Events (OTHER):

Wentzville Cruise Nights – DARE, \$10.00

- June 4th, from 6:00 – 9:00pm
- August 6th, from 6:00 – 9:00pm

50/50 Drawing: \$_N/A_____ Total, with \$_____ going to _____

Motion to adjourn made by Pete Nathan, Seconded by Ted Becker.

Approved by all at 7:45 PM.



May Birthdays

Cathleen Horst
Damien Flaherty
Jimmy Gehm
Rachel Gehm
Mark Kistner
Tracy Canter
Cecilia Conley

May Anniversaries

Steve & Sherrie Dotson
Vic & Patricia Panus
Chet & Jeanne Palumbo
John & Kitty Lasinski
Damien & Amy Flaherty

Adam Martin's Antique Automotive Service

By Ted Becker

Foristell, Missouri is not unlike many rural communities in Missouri. There is no central business district, but rather numerous farms, old homesteads from generations past and recently built homes, either as stand alone or in a development. Driving down Foristell Road there is a development with about a half dozen houses. At the end of the cul de sac, sits a house with a detached garage, fitting with the area. Peering beyond the house and garage, however, sits a metal building which serves as the basis of Antique Automotive Service. A one-man shop that is the lifelong dream of its proprietors, Adam and Atena Martin.

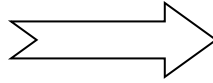


Where did it all begin, you might ask. Well, at the age of 5, Adam found a neighbor who was a Volkswagen fanatic. Adam started going down to his garage, sitting on a shop stool and watching with fascination the mechanical work that his neighbor was performing. A few years later, the Martin family moved to a new house

and little Adam was despondent over losing his source of daily mechanical amusement. Well, as luck would have it, he found a neighbor 2 doors down from their new house who was an early 70's Oldsmobile Cutlass restorer. Eureka!!

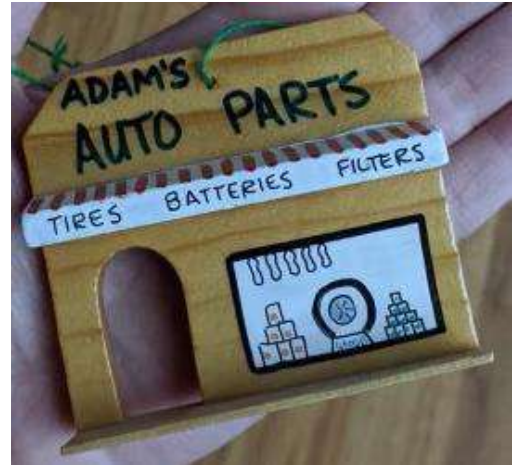
Adam befriended his new neighbor and spent untold hours watching the restoration process. Along about age 8 his new friend began developing Adam's own skills by teaching him the fine art of spending hours with a piece of sandpaper and a bucket of water on these soon to become stunning automotive works of art.

At some point in his formative years, one could tell Adam's future in life. A 4th grade Christmas ornament creation project yielded this result:



Yep, Adam was on his way!

Fast forward through life from high school and college developing a new skill and passion from playing the trumpet. Years later he met a fellow trumpet player, a cute young lady by the name of Atena Szuflika-Kasprzak. Several years thereafter the new Mr. and Mrs. Adam Martin were to begin a new life together. Atena, though not particularly an automotive enthusiast, was definitely an Adam Martin enthusiast and followed his passion with her full support.



Trumpets are fun and cars are fun, but you gotta make a living somehow. He began a career installing residential and commercial irrigation systems. In the back of his mind, however, was that vision established so many years ago of, "Adam's Garage". Starting in 2014, he began his part time automotive business in his 2-stall garage by polishing stainless steel trim. That branched out to taking in minor mechanical work and small, cosmetic restorations. Working after a hard day's work at his day job, he took on bigger and more complete projects. Moving out of his 2-car garage, he moved to rural Foristell into a larger home with a 2-car attached garage and a 2-stall detached garage. Having the larger room, he began painting cars as well as the mechanical work. Finally, he and Atena decided to make a clean break and turn his part time passion into a full career.

A full-time business requires more room than is detached car provided, so a 35x56 metal building was constructed a year ago. On December 1, 2020, Adam's lifelong dream of his own restoration business was a reality.

As the pictures show, his work is in demand and he has a rather large backlog of work to keep him busy for quite some time.



Adam has gotten to be quite skilled and is developing an impressive following for restoring early 70's GS and GSX cars. The orange car



seen here is almost complete and ready for customer delivery. The yellow GSX in the background came in for a cosmetic cleanup, but a connecting rod knock foretold further issues. The pan was pulled and scored bearings and crank revealed the source of the noise. An engine out and rebuild awaits this gem.

Under wraps in the corner is an absolutely gorgeous 70 GS convertible that will be unveiled at the Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals (MCACN) in Chicago later this Fall. We got a brief look at the car and it is a real eye popper beyond description. The show features about a dozen "new reveals" and this car was given the prestigious honor of being one of those public unveilings. I can hear to ooohs and aaahs now!!



The main shop serves as the mechanical shop, but his original detached garage now serves as his paint and fabrication shop. Complete with a full body rotisserie, he does all the prep work prior to moving the car to the main shop. Seen here is a 70 GS on the rotisserie. The completed chassis is in his house garage next to a soon-to-begin 1957 Buick Roadmaster 75 2 door hardtop restoration. Since all available garage space is filled with projects, Atena gets a spot in the driveway next to Adam's truck for her car (I told you she was understanding and supportive).



While Adam spends workshop time, Atena promotes his business in various forms. She maintains the webpage:

<https://www.antiqueautomotiveservice.com/>. He can be followed on his Facebook account under "Adam Martin" and she recently created a YouTube channel where he makes a weekly video showing various

restoration techniques. Just go to YouTube and search on Antique Automotive Service and subscribe to this channel. He is also a regular contributor to the BCA and V8 Buick forums under the account name “Smartin”.

Last but not least is what Adam does after a long day of work. He goes in the house to be comforted not only by Atena, but by his trusty cat, Simon.

Adam is a very impressive guy with skills that many of us could only hope to possess. We all wish this couple the absolute best in their new endeavor.



Grafton Winery & Brewhaus

April 14th - Dual Chapter Meeting

Gateway Buick Performance Enthusiast ~ and ~ STL Gateway Chapter

By Chet Palumbo



Sunday, April 11th, proved to be a picture-perfect day to hold our first “Dual Chapter” meeting between Gateway Buick Performance Enthusiast and the STL Gateway Chapter.

The drive along the River Road is always a pleasant experience, and with this supposedly a good time for “Eagle Watching”, we never saw an Eagle. But my “eagle eye” did spot several

motorcycle cops patrolling both sides of the highway, but everyone was driving sensibly, so they were enjoying the day like everyone else.

This event was originally scheduled as the monthly meeting for the Gateway Buick Performance Enthusiast's Chapter and followed with an invitation for our Chapter to attend. Larry Longworth opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance and said this has been a dream of his for a long time to have a joint meeting between the two chapters. Meeting time was held to a minimum, with Larry taking a roll call of his members who were planning on attending the GS Nationals in May. And I extended an invitation to the Performance Chapter to attend the 2021 Heartland Region. A get-well card was signed by everyone in attendance for Doug Bremmer, recovering from surgery, Doug is a member of both chapters. The meeting and lunch were held inside and as the afternoon progressed, everyone moved outside to enjoy the fresh air, visit and finish drinking their wine.

We had a great turnout from both chapters. I apologize for the lack of pictures, but I would like to recognize and thank the following members of our chapter for joining us: Mark and Sheree Kistner, Geoff Lockett, Rhonda and Aaron Ford, Bill and Ginny Landers, Ted and Mary Becker. Pete Nathan and Nancy Rosa, Pat and Nancy Pinkston. And also, along with Jeanne and I, Larry and Nancy Longworth, Bob Merrick, and Scott Keller who are members of both chapters.

The trip home was just as enjoyable and picturesque as the drive there. Pete and Nancy, Jeanne and I followed Ted and Mary Becker through the country, the "short way" home, crossing the Brussels and Golden Eagle Ferry.

All in all, it was a great day, spent with great friends...

Wish you were there.

Maybe next time...???

The Real Easter Show

Was a Real Blast

By Monica Ledwon

Easter Sunday is a day I like to usually spend by myself, skipping the dress up protocols of the holiday. But when I heard there was a car show within my driving radius, I was off to the Hot Rod Association's Real Easter Show at the Family Arena.

Exiting Highway 364 onto Upper Bottom road, I barely drove a half mile, before I beheld what appeared to be a Woodstock Nation of car nuts. The Avalon and I came to a crawl near the entrance. Spectator cars were lined up on both shoulders of the road defying the No Parking Signs. Creeping along, I could see in the vista a mecca of hot rods, modified and classic cars.

After paying a \$2 parking fee and beginning the long walk into the show, I tried to keep organized staying straight up and down the rows despite the intense head turning effect of all these cars together.

Some of the highly customized low rider rods had mesmerizing paint jobs. A 396 SS Malibu sat showroom perfect glistening in the sun. Even a daily driver base '69 Nova was parked to show off her historic stuff. There were a few modified Buicks; mostly Chevy and Mopar ruled. I did run across Bruce Kunz whose attention was captured by a stock '56 aqua and white Buick Roadmaster plated "MINT". Pinstriping scrollwork on the 54 Buick was simply bewitching. The smell of fossil fuel wafting through the air and the crackling of competing headers were intoxicating.

The crowds enjoying this show were of all ages and colors. The music genres were a variety of rap, country, and pop emanating from the various groupings of the cars. But sound levels stayed respectable, Drivers were polite and patient upon my entering and exiting this fabulous show. The Hot Rod Association Real Easter Show was truly a day of peace, music, and car love.



NICE PINSTRIPING ON THIS SHAVED 54 BUICK



STOCK APPEARING 56 BUICK ROADMASTER



EAT YOUR HEART OUT EARL SCHEIB!!!!



BUT OFFICER, IT'S TOTALLY STOCK – HONEST!!!



NICE CHEVELLE



PLAIN JANE NOVA

1956 Buick Special Estate Wagon

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The GOOD, BAD, and UGLY of buying an old car.

By Chet Palumbo



As mentioned in previous articles, my brother Joe and I often work together as “Brothers in Crime” trying to find each other their next new project. Well, once again Joe came through for me, finding another rescue Buick close to his home in North Carolina. Notice I said “Rescue Buick” no matter how nice the picture above looks; this is by no means a 100-point show car or a top-dollar Barret-Jackson ride. It’s all of what’s it’s supposed to be a fun, low-end, run-around town beater. But even at that, it will need a major amount of TLC to make it safe and roadworthy again.

First of all, buying cars long distance is always scary, most of the time you simply have to rely on pictures and the owner’s description to make a decision. And needless to say, the seller’s perception of the condition and yours, never seem to match. The other part that scares me, is wiring funds. With this purchase, at least I had my brother and one of his buddies actually lay hands and eyes on the car to make sure it was all we thought it was, and I was able to wire funds to my brother. So, he could do a face-to-face deal for me.

THE GOOD:

Something different, limited production with only 13,770 Special Estate Wagons produced. And I just think wagons are kool.

The 322 engine, Dynaflo transmission, and rear-end appear to be in great shape. Good oil pressure, no smoking, minimal if any engine oil leaks, with a minor transmission leak somewhere.

Power Steering and Power Brake options, help make this a nice driver.

Fairly new, whisper-quiet exhaust system. That's the good news. It's quiet because the muffler is the size of a 30-gallon hot water heater, but who wants quiet and single exhaust. At least for now it will do, but sooner or later it will need to be replaced with a mellow-tone, performance-type dual exhaust system.

The charging system, charging as it should, but I have an alternator on the shelf that will soon replace the old generator.

MOST lights and turn signal in working order.

Glass is in very good shape and it appears that all glass has the factory original green tint. The passenger side vent does have a crack in it.

Shipping a car long distance, in this case, 760 miles, door to door, gets expensive and frustrating trying to coordinate schedules between the seller and shipper. Normally I would list this under the "BAD" section, but we really lucked out on this deal. The guy we bought the car from was headed to Topeka, Kansas to pick up another car. And for a little "gas money" he would gladly drop the '56 off on his way. The car was here the next day.

THE BAD:

It's a 30-footer. I know most folks would refer to cars like this as a "20-footer", but I think I'll give you another 10 feet, just to be sure. It takes great glamor shots, but when you get close, you see that it's no cream puff.

A barnyard paint job, normally I would say a MAACO paint job, but that would be an insult to MAACO.

Body/Rust; probably needs inner/outer rocker panels and some patchwork on the lower door skins. And, in several places, there is a little "bubbling" going on in the paint. Not sure if it's just surface rust or if it goes deeper than that, but not poking around to find out. I will just leave well enough alone.

Chrome and trim; a few missing pieces, dull, some rust, but okay for a beater.

Interior: The front seat is not the original, it's supposed to be out of a Ford Ranger pickup, not in great shape but very comfortable for a 50's car. Stuffed in the back of the wagon are the rusted remnants of a carcass that is supposed to be the original front seat...??? The driver's side door panel and the headliner are missing. But the remaining door panels look okay, and the back seat appears to be in good shape. And, it has fairly new carpeting, too nice to be original.

Speedometer, gas gauge, vacuum wipers, heater, and radio do not work. From looking under the car, one reason the speedometer might not work is that the speedometer cable is missing, but not too optimistic that's going to fix the problem. I have a new gas sending unit and a new Newport Engineering electric wiper motor ready to install, and I'll wait on the heater and radio.

Hubcaps: Yes four, but three of one and one of another. Coincidentally, I have a hubcap of unknown origin that is being used as wall-art that matches the three. I guess it was destiny that I find a car that matched the hubcap on the wall...???

THE UGLY: or things that absolutely must be fixed first before hitting the road:

Tires: Again four, three radials and one recap bias-ply tire, WHY...??? At least the two front tires match. The good news is, when my '37 Buick Coupe hits the road this year, it will get new tires. Since the role of the wagon is to be a local beater, the aged tires on the back of the coupe will be transferred to the wagon.

Too Low and Lop-sided, well maybe not “Too Low” but definitely “Lop Sided”: Somewhere along the line, the wagon was lowered, “old-school” or maybe even “reform-school” style, by torching the springs. Needless to say, all four corners sit low, but at different ride heights. The worse corner is the left-front, where it is completely bottomed out.

- In the pictures below, notice on the left side there is 3/4” clearance between the rubber snubber and the frame, while on the right, there is zero clearance.
- Also, note the screw-in spring spacers (red) they were installed to help raise it back up. **So bad...!!!**



I just received 3” dropped springs from JAMCO, so the car will still sit lower than the stock, but will ride on a safe, level, and well-sprung suspension. The JAMCO kit also includes gas shocks and neoprene bumpers.

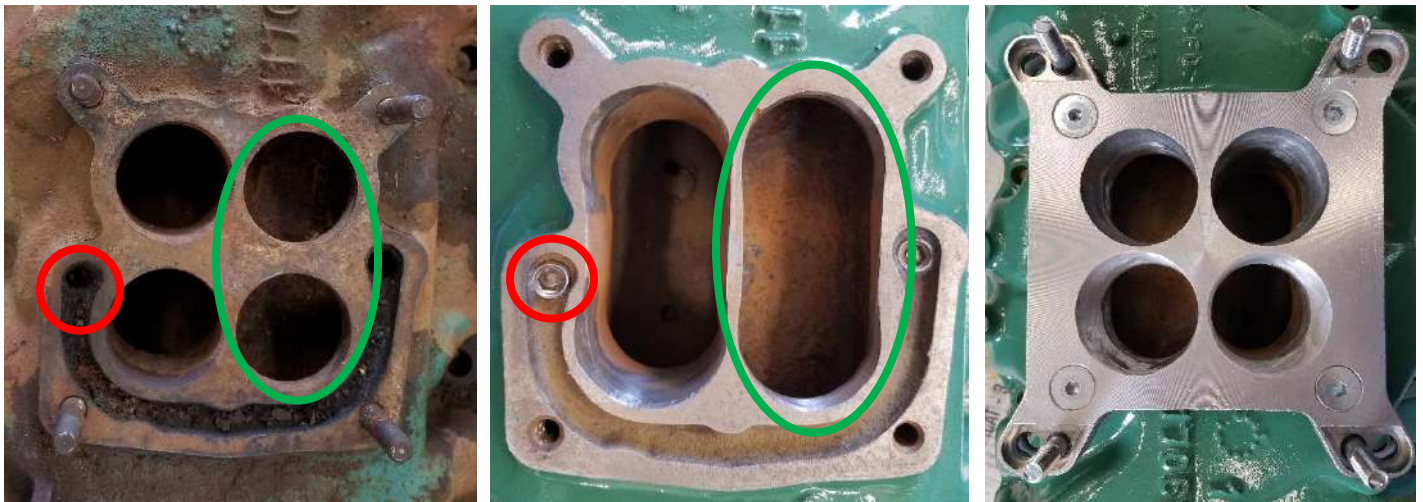
Gas Tank: One of the stories the owner shared with me, was how they removed and cleaned the gas tank, and ran new fuel lines from the tank to the fuel pump. Yep, I’m sure they did. As you can see from the picture below, they even took time to paint the outside of the tank while it was out. And they also added two in-line fuel filters; one next to the chassis as shown below and another right before the carburetor.



As you can see from the fuel filter above, the bottom third of the filter is already filled with rust. Lesson learned, never-ever reuse a rusty gas tank. I purchased a new gas tank from “Tanks” to eliminate this problem.

Two-barrel carburetor needs to be rebuilt: So I was told. Plus, someone tried to convert the automatic choke to a manual choke, not sure what they thought they were going to accomplish, but it does not work. Instead of wasting time and money on an old two-barrel carburetor, I decided this would be a good time to convert to a four-barrel. Since no one makes aftermarket performance manifolds for a 322, the best option available is to find a four-barrel intake from a '56 Century or Roadmaster. I found a couple available with no problem. One in the BCA Bugle, \$350.00 plus shipping, and another on eBay, \$225.00 with shipping. Guess which one I bought?

After reading a tech article by Matt Martin, of Centerville Auto Repair on how he modified an intake for a 364 Nailhead, I decided to apply his modifications to my 322. The first modification, circled in red, simply blocks the two holes in the heat runners under the carburetor. He said this is worth 10-12 HP gain on the 364. The second change, circled in green, he removed the divider between the primary and secondary chambers of the intake. Not sure how much of a gain this will produce, but he said it should provide more top-end power at the expense of losing a little on the bottom. This design is common with all dual plenum intakes on the market today. For the 322, I also needed to add an adapter plate (far right), offered by Centerville, to bolt on the new Edelbrock 650 CFM AVS2 Carburetor.



SUMMARY:

So that's the Good, Bad, and Ugly of it as I know today. I'm confident as we get deeper into this project there will be many more new surprises, both good and bad. But the bottom line is; thanks again to my brother in North Carolina, we are the proud owners of another Buick. And I'm sure it will be a project, Lord willing, that will last for many more years to come.

My number one focus continues to be our '37 Buick Coupe,
So the last thing I needed right now was another "**Project Car**".

Or as Jeanne puts it, the last thing we needed right now was "**another**" car... ☺

All for now, wish me luck...

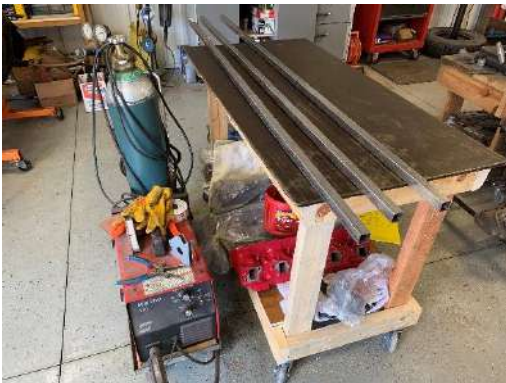
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My New Welder and Cart

By Ted Becker

Those of you who know me know that I really enjoy welding. I have made all kinds of shop tools and devices. My creative side (what little of that there is) also have made little animals and other artistic creations from engine parts. All of this has been done on my ESAB 110-volt welder I bought 30 years ago at a car show. Although the welder still works just fine, I wanted a new one. Why, you may ask? Well, primarily since I just wanted one and also since I'm a guy and that is just a guy thing.

I've been looking at a Hobart 210MVP 210 for some time. This welder has both 110 volt and 220-volt capability, thus have more flexibility than a 110-volt machine. I finally bit the bullet and bought one at Rural King. Any welding machine really needs a cart to hold the welder, the tank and other associated paraphernalia that goes with it. Although my new welder case is the same size as my old one, I really wanted to have (make) a new and better cart for it. For anywhere between \$70 and \$150 an inexpensive cart can be purchased to do the job. These carts come from China (imagine that!) and are, well, what you expect to get from an inexpensive product from China.



I did a lot of YouTube searching for various homemade welding carts to get my ideas. A pad of paper and a pencil led to the design I wanted to make. OK, let's get busy!

First step is to go to Lowe's and get my material. Starting with 6-foot sections of 1-inch square tubing and a set of casters, my material needs were complete.

Now it is on to the base. Cut 45-degree angles and piece together the rectangular box making sure the corners are

square and the box is flat. Though pictures did not come out well, I welded some small angle iron pieces inside the box legs, so I had a support to hold the plate creating the shelf.

Then came some vertical legs to create the shelf for the welder. I wanted



the welder to sit at a 15-degree angle to make access to the welder controls

easy to read and adjust. Also, important to put in some 45-degree gussets to add stability.

The tank sits at the back of the welder and needs a cradle to hold it in place. At the base I welded in some angle iron to form a box. At the top of the frame, I made a loop. Starting with $\frac{3}{4}$ strap iron, I bent a loop and made it to weld onto the top of the box. My slip roller and the strap



THE OLD WELDER NEXT TO THE 1 INCH STEEL STOCK

iron did not cooperate, so I had to bend it over the tank and my knee to form a not-so- perfect loop. For the front handle I took some 5/16 rod and bent it into a “U” and welded it to top of the box. Then the rest of my ¾ strap iron was bent for form loops on each side to hold the various cables. The casters I bought were fixed for the rear and swivels for the front. Those were welded (rather than bolted) to the bottom of the cart.



A couple coats of primer followed by “hammered” silver paint completed the frame. The shelving that you see is an interesting story. A long time ago (like back when I still had hair) a friend gave me a discarded aluminum road sign he found in a ditch. It has been taking up space in the last 3 houses I have lived in, so it was finally time to put it to use. I marked it off with a Sharpie and cut it with a cutoff saw on my angle grinder. I did not know if this was going to be able to cut the aluminum, but it did it just fine. I painted the plates a flat black to give it a color contrast to the silver frame. They sit inside the upper and lower box sitting on the angle iron I had previously welded inside the boxes.

And there you have it!

For about \$150 in materials and around 10 hours of my time, I now have a “Made in the USA” welding cart that suits my needs and is a much better product than I could purchase.



Gazette Centerfolds



Gazette Giggles

Sprayed my car with
rust remover.



"Hey guys! Let's take one more picture together
before we get fired."





STL Gateway Chapter – BCA
2021 Event Details – Updated April 12, 2021

May 1 – Club Dues are Due, \$25.00

May 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/>

June 4th, Wentzville Cruise Nights – DARE, \$10.00, from 6:00 – 9:00pm

June 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
- <https://www.sportscafe.biz/>

July 1-3 - AACA Central Spring Nationals Auburn, IN (NEW)

- **Buick and Hudson Spotlight!**
- <https://forums.aaca.org/topic/360450-special-announcement-aaca-meet-auburn-in-buick-and-hudson-spotlight/>

July 18th – Club BBQ & Monthly Meeting at Love Park (Muffin Pavilion) (NEW DATE)

- 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
 - Chet Palumbo, Food

BCA - Dual National Meets: (CANCELLED)

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

August 2nd – 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 6th, Wentzville Cruise Nights – DARE, \$10.00, from 6:00 – 9:00pm

August 28th – “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 6th – Labor Day 2020 - MONDAY

September 8th – 11th, 2021: 2020 Heartland Regional Meet, Chesterfield, MO

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

September 12th --- 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]

October 4th – 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/>

October 30th – 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 1st – 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**
- 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/>

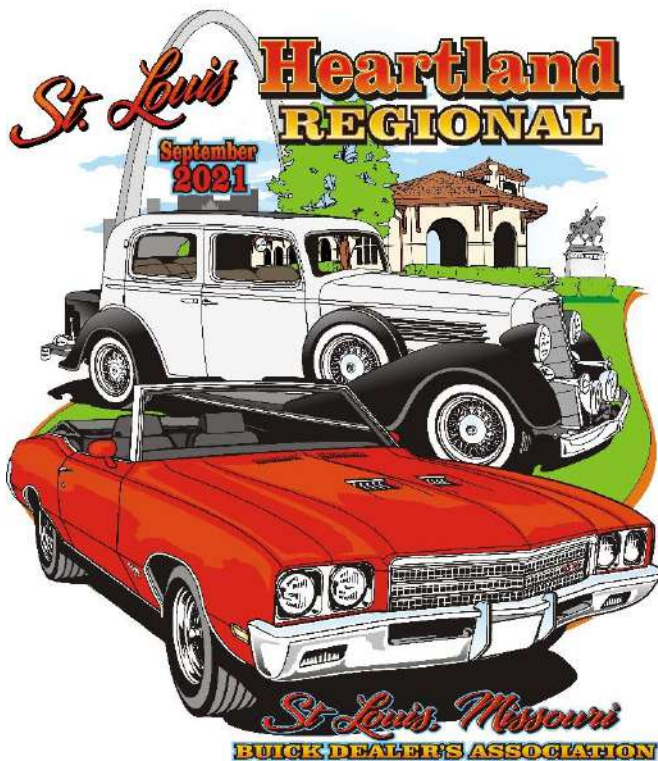
December 5th – Christmas Party / Toys for Tots Drive / Monthly Meeting

- 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 ***

2022-----

January 9th – 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]



**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

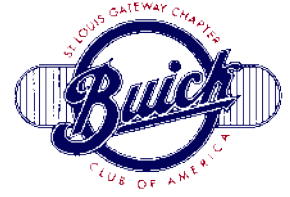
Classes

- 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. Rivas, J. Turbo Regals, K. '65-'75 GSs
 M-1. Modified-Mild, M-2. Modified Resto-Rod, M-3 Modified-Radical,

Vehicle 1: Class _____
 Yr. _____ Model _____

Body Style _____

Vehicle 2: Class _____
 Yr. _____ Model _____

Body Style _____

Registration Choices

- **Banquet/Activity cutoff - Postmarked by 08/21/2021.**
- **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 CarsQty. ____ @ \$20 ea. _____

Swap Meet / Car CorralQty. ____ @ \$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
Bill Landers – Registration and Judging:
 636-916-3310 walanders@hotmail.com
Pete Nathan – Hotel:
 314-413-2966 phnauto@aol.com
Ted Becker – Show Field, Swap Meet,
 Car Corral, and Trailer Parking:
 309-256-9860
gearhead46@centurytel.net
Jeanne Palumbo – Hospitality Room:
 636-443-5673 jpalumbo@centurytel.net

Event Apparel

*Available at:
 Registration and Hospitality*

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

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

**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**



Buick Club of America

Application for Membership

www.buickclub.org

The Buick Club of America is a non-profit membership corporation dedicated to the preservation and restoration of those vehicles built by Buick Motor Division of General Motors Corporation. BCA membership (includes spouse and minor children only) offers you the following:

- Monthly issue of *The Buick Bugle* published by the BCA.
- Advertising privilege in *The Buick Bugle* for Buick-related items.
- Participation in all club events and opportunity to join local chapters and divisions.
- Membership card, and as a new member, one BCA decal.

BCA MEMBERSHIP DUES SCHEDULE

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

	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years
U.S. Periodical Class Mail.....	\$ 50.....	\$ 95.....	\$130
U.S. 1st Class Mail.....	\$ 70.....	\$130.....	\$200
Canada & Mexico Periodical.....	\$ 68.....	\$131.....	\$194
Canada & Mexico Priority.....	\$ 93.....	\$181.....	\$269
International Surface.....	\$ 68.....	\$131.....	\$194
International Air.....	\$ 98.....	\$191.....	\$284
E-Membership.....	\$ 35.....	<i>(E-Membership is an online Bugle only; no hard copy — email required)</i>	

Without right of transfer or survivorships. Dues are non-refundable.

All foreign countries note: Membership dues and all other financial transactions with the BCA must be a bank draft, drawn on a U.S.A. bank and payable in U.S.A. currency, MasterCard, VISA or Discover charge cards. Make all checks payable to The Buick Club of America. The U.S.A. annual membership is \$50

Name: _____

Spouse (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Country: _____

Phone: _____ Check here if you do not want your phone number printed in the roster.

E-mail Address: _____

Sponsoring Member (not required): _____

New or Renewal: BCA # _____
If you are a renewing member, please include your current mailing label.

How did you hear about the BCA? _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Check/Money Order # _____

Visa Mastercard Discover

Date Processed: _____

Expire Date: _____

We occasionally make the membership list available to carefully screened companies whose product or services might interest you. If you would prefer to have your name withheld, place a mark in this box.

*Buicks Currently Owned *(Buick Ownership is not a pre-requisite for membership in the BCA)*

Year	Model Number or Type	Body Style (4 dr./2 dr.)	Vehicle ID Number (VIN Number on Registration)

**Please list additional Buicks on back of application.*

Check or Money Order made payable to Buick Club of America. Foreign country applicants must use bank draft, money order drawn on USA bank and payable in USA currency.) OR

Mastercard Visa Discover *(Check One)*

_____ / _____

Credit card expiration date Month/Year. Must have this information to process.

Print full name on credit card if different than name on application

Authorized Signature _____

Phone Number _____

Amount

\$ _____

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)