



# Gateway Gazette

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Monthly Newsletter of the St Louis Chapter

## Buick Club of America

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Director's Letter

September 2021

Greetings,

### *Rise and Shine...!!!*

**This is the month we have been waiting for.**

**On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**, after much discussion, the St. Louis Gateway Chapter voted and approved a motion supporting our club as being the Host Chapter for the 2020 Heartland Regional Meet.

#### **A brief walk through the years leading up to today:**

- May 1, 2018, Kristina Richards moves to Ava, MO, I become the new Director and inherit the responsibility for the 2020 Heartland Regional, and quickly form a Heartland Regional leadership team which includes Pete Nathan and Bill Landers, who also worked on the 2012 Heartland Regional.
- June 2018, the Regional leadership team begin meetings with hotels.
- On September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018, a contract was signed with the DoubleTree Hilton in Chesterfield, MO.
- July 2019, a generous donation was received from the St. Louis Buick Dealers Advertising Association thanks to the endeavors of Jack Anderson of Laura Buick.

- **Regional Meet, Stillwater, Minnesota, August 21 – 24, 2019**
  - Jeanne and I, Bill and Ginny Landers, Mark and Sheree Kistner, Richard and Vera Self attended the event representing the STL Gateway Chapter to promote the 2020 Heartland Regional.
- **March 2020: What's Covid-19...???**
- **August 2020; 2020 Heartland Regional Meet, Chesterfield, MO. (CANCELLED)**
  - **August 7<sup>th</sup>**, I contacted John McCarthy, Regional Director to discuss the direction of the event in lite of Covid-restrictions. Following our call, emails were sent to STL Gateway Chapter Board and all Chapter Directors requesting their recommendations as to whether we should continue with our plans for the 2020 Heartland Regional, or would it be in everyone's best interest to move the Heartland Regional to September 2021.
  - **August 11<sup>th</sup>**, Pete Nathan, Bill Landers, and I met with the hotel to secure a new date for 2021. Event was officially cancelled, email notifications were sent to Regional Directors and 55 registered guests.
  - **August 12<sup>th</sup>**, Hotel automatically cancelled all reservations
  - **August 13<sup>th</sup>**, Refunds along with registration forms for the 2021 Heartland Regional, were mailed to all registered guests.
- **2021 Heartland Regional Meet, Chesterfield, MO. September 08 – 11, 2021**
  - August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 a new contract was signed with the hotel.
  - Here we go again...

### **Back to today:**

Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, we had our September monthly meeting...??? That alone says we're a flexible bunch. Thanks to the 32 members who showed up to share in the heat and humidity, we pretty much have coverage for most of our workstations. But there is plenty for all to do. As we have said many times before, now it's time to have "**All Hands on Deck**". Even if you are not assigned to a work team, please stop by and support those who are. I'm sure we will be able to find something for you to do.

## **September 8th – 11th, 2021: 2020 Heartland Regional Meet** **Three years in the making – praying for the best.**

All for now...

***Stay healthy...!!!***

Enjoy!

*Chet*

# Meeting Minutes, August 2nd, 2021

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- **The August Monthly Meeting was held at Sports Café in Bridgeton, MO., and was facilitated by Chet Palumbo, Director. 21 Members were present.**
- Chet opened the meeting at 6:50 pm with **The Pledge of Allegiance** of the United States.
- Chet thanked everyone for attending.
- **July Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Bill Landers to approve the July Meeting Minutes, second by Larry Longworth and approved by all.

## Member News:

- **Pat Bulfin returned to work last week.**
- **Adam Martin was waylaid in Vegas due to a flight cancelation on his vacation.**

## Member Check-in:

- **Chet welcomed a new member to the meeting, Jim Sickler. He owns a '77 Electra with a powerhouse 455 in its engine cowl and used for drag races. A Gran National serves as his daily driver. And another '77 Electra 350 4dr is his more sedate Buick sedan.**
- **Mark Kistner's '70 GS will not be ready for the Regional so he and Sheree will bring the '67 Wagon. He also told the club that there is quite a cool show in Millstadt, Illinois on Aug 25 where some burnouts may occur.**
- **Gene Jacobs made an interesting comment that he recently discovered the police report that detailed an accident he was involved in when he was eight years old. He was hit by a car but recovered well. It was a '53 Buick.**
- **Ted Becker brought a "show and tell" coil from his '57Special. After his car failed to start, Ted found voltage to coil but still no spark. Upon removal, he saw a severe crack across the top portion of the coil which he exhibited at the meeting. A new one solved the balky start.**
- **Gary Heim attended the meeting as the longest distance driver for the night coming from Middleton, Missouri in Montgomery County.**
- **Larry Longworth brought a few items to show from the late Vic Nettle's garage. They included dealer publications and brochures from the 70's and 80's.**

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

- **Motion made by Larry Longworth to accept the Treasurer's Report, Second by Al Tornabeni, approved by all.**

## BCA Club News:

- **National News Events:**
  - **2022, June 22-25, BCA National Meet, Lisle, Illinois. Hosted by the Chicagoland Chapter**
  - **New Board of Directors, Sid Meyer – President replacing John Steed and Bob Starzyk is the new Vice President**
- **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.*
  - **HOTEL: Please use our weblink when scheduling rooms for the 2021 event: <https://stlouisbuickclub.net/2021-regional>**
  - **2020 Regional Shirts** - will be used for 2021 Heartland Regional
    - Available for sale, see Chet. Tee Shirts \$15.00 and Polo Shirts \$20.00
  - **Event Updates:**
    - **2021 Event Registrations: 58 --Club is hoping to break 100 soon.**
    - **2021 Hotel Registrations: N/A**
    - **Please get your registrations in as early as you can...!!!**
    - **Raffle Items and Door Prizes Needed...!!!**
      - **Buick Stain Glass Window: Bob and Barb Brasses**
      - **Buick Stain Glass Window: Bill and Ginny Landers**
      - **Lottery Board: Gene and Tracy Jacobs**
      - **Chet commented that he did not want too many raffle items.**
      - **Swap meet will be manned by Ed Lanfer and Aaron Ford.**
    - **Offsite Trailer Parking, Damien Flaherty**
      - Primary lot will be the parking area by the Athletic Club next to the hotel, with overflow in the city of Chesterfield lot by the Police Station.
      - **We still need to figure out how to log or identify trailers with owners.**
  - **Swap Meet trailer will be provided by Larry Longworth**
  - **Draft of “2021 Heartland Regional Tour Guide”, well underway...**
  - **Will meet with Incredible Engravings to request “Proof” and order trophies.**
  - **Ted Becker is providing 2021 Heartland Regional Event “deodorizers” to be included with the registration package.**
  - **Pete Nathan ordering Masks for the event – Just in case...**
  - **Saturday, \$5.00 Lunch; This will be 11am until 1pm and will be available on the Show Field, from the local Moolah Shriner’s Smokin’ Nobles. Will include a drink, chips, and choice of 1/3 lb. burger, brats, or jumbo hot dogs. All proceeds benefit the Moolah Shriners.**

- Shiners sending 150 information pamphlets on Shiners Hospital for Children to be included in Registration Package.
- A Distribution List Booklet will be compiled after the show which lists the attendees and their cars.
- Miscellaneous giveaways will be on a table in the hospitality room.

### Old Business:

#### 2021 Membership Dues are due May 1, 2021.

- If you have not paid – Please see Pete

### New Business:

- Direct Payment option for Membership Dues, for folks who no longer have checks...

#### Chet investigated options:

- Per Dennis Burkholder, MAD MOOSE MEDIA, our website, and GoDaddy have the capability to support online payments, all we need to do is set up a shopping cart
- Per Regions Bank, once we have our shopping cart set up, we can deposit directly into an existing checking account. No credit card or any other accounts are needed.
- **This project will be tabled until after the books are closed on the Heartland Regional.**

### Past Events:

#### July Club BBQ & Monthly Meeting at Love Park (Muffin Pavilion)

- Great weather, great food, and great friends, what more could you ask for. 44 folks showed up, Special Thanks, Mark Kistner for flipping the burgers. ...!!!
- Other comments... Wonderful Buick camaraderie!

### Upcoming CLUB Events:

- **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
  - Bring lawn chairs

### Upcoming Events (OTHER):

- **August 6<sup>th</sup>, Wentzville Cruise Nights – DARE, \$10.00, from 6:00 – 9:00 pm**
- **August 7<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Memories on Main Street, Troy, MO**
  - Starts at 8:00 a.m.
  - Peer Judging
  - \$10.00 Display or Judged (Previously reported “no entry fee”)
  - Dash plaque to first 200 entries.
  - **This will be a Club Event, no work, just for fun.**
  - **Chet will send out information and registration forms this week.**
  - **We will meet at Wal-Mart, Hwy 47, and plan to leave Wal-Mart at 8:30, so we can drive in and park together.**

**50/50 Drawing: \$70 Total, with \$35 going to Scott Keller**

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**Motion to adjourn made by: Larry Longworth, Seconded by Bill Landers.  
Meeting adjourned at 8pm. Approved by all.**  
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### **September Birthdays**

Jim Hall  
John Lasinski  
Nancy Pinkston  
Ted Becker  
Andrew Haberern  
Adam & Atena Martin

### **September Anniversaries**

Adam and Atena Martin



# Member Spotlight

## Gene Jacobs

By Monica Ledwon



This month's Gazette features a new member, an intuitive admirer of old cars, Gene Jacobs who joined the Gateway Buick Club just this year. His collection of Buicks, a 1931 Model 86 Victoria coupe and a 1941 Model 46 S are dear to his heart. He also still owns the 1948 F-1 pickup truck that his dad bought him for his first car.

Gene was born in Robertsville, MO on a farm that his grandfather bought in 1938 as an extra property for his nine children to have fun running around and do work at the same time. Five of these siblings have built houses and remained on the property called "the Compound". After the war, Gene's father and Grandpa started a small body shop in nearby St. Clair that even did some modifications on cars. Of course, Gene hung out there starting at age 4. When starting school, his teacher was amazed at his vocabulary as she asked what his interests were. He told her about all the carburetors, camshafts, pistons, and cylinder heads he watched being worked on at the family business.

The shop closed in 1960 and Gene's Jacob family unit moved to Dogtown in St. Louis where he graduated high school from Southwest. He took additional classes at O Fallon Tech during high school in a machine shop and there he found his calling. Gene's grandfather was also a machinist for Anheuser Busch. The Jacob patriarch was such gear head he would talk mechanical engineering while playing pinochle.

In 1972, a low draft number descended upon Gene. He had to decide on what wing of the military to join. He applied to the US Navy for duty as a machinist on the fleet. He easily passed a test he was given due to his formative years' experience at home and school. At the age of 19, he was thrilled to be overseeing the power sources for a destroyer off the coast of Vietnam. This experience gave him great skills and confidence for his future. After his stint in the Navy, Gene went to UMSL to finish a degree in Business so he could also work in sales for machine shop tool distribution. He stayed in that field for forty-two years.

Moving to California with his job for some years, Buicks came into his life. Gene remembers the sound of his uncle's '52 Super's straight-eight engine. That silky smooth idle drew him to the Buick badge.

In 1988 Gene bought a 1941 Buick Sedanette SSE and began restorative work on it. But the “Super Equipped” car was quite ragged and just not up to par mechanically creating a larger challenge than Gene had time for.

As fate would have it in car karma, a friend spied an ad for a 1941 model S Buick sedan at an estate sale in San Diego. Gene decided to only “look” at the car stored for 20 years in an old apartment building built in the early 1900s. When he saw all the original documentation and receipts stuck up in a sun visor, Gene surrendered to own what he calls-- an automotive “time capsule”. The ’41 SSE was then turned loose to drive away with another owner.

As he looked the car over, he found the original owner’s sunglasses and driving gloves under the seat and drivers’ license in the glove box. When he opened the trunk, he found an original can of Mobil Oil that had rusted open and dripped oil all over the mat preserving it from dry rot. He nicknamed the car “Harry” after its long-gone owner.

Gene learned basic auto mechanics as a young’un and harkens back to the day when everyone worked on their cars for simple economics. He enjoyed taking one year to get this pristine original Special running well and tuning its “compound carburetors”, a predecessor to the dual carbs on muscle cars and hot rods today.

In 1993 Gene moved back to Missouri and as any car guy will do, started perusing Hemmings. He looked off and on for another Buick that would just be a fun car to ride around in the neighborhood. Finally, in 2000 he spied an ad from a collectible car dealer in Fenton, Mo. for a 1931 model 86 Victoria coupe completely restored. It was transported from a car museum in Oregon and put up for sale at Exotica Motors. This coupe was the first year of the big Straight 8 Buick engines with a small 124” wheelbase. So, it was indeed a little hot rod and fulfilled the fun factor in taking rides to the ice cream store!

Seven years ago, Gene met his soul mate Tracy and they make up a most congenial couple at our club meetings. They are volunteering to sell Lottery tickets for additional proceeds at the September Regional and also focus on doing this for other charitable groups such as the Route 66 Club in St. Clair and the Backstoppers.

In retirement, Gene bought his aunt’s house on the land of his family’s farm and moved back to the “compound” in Robertsville where he was born. Gene enjoys the club’s camaraderie and wealth of knowledge in its membership. In conclusion, Gene remarks that the toolbox should always be in the trunk. Old cars are a link to the people in the past who drove them. And the precision of their classic designs should always be admired and respected.



# Memories on Main Street - Car Show

August 7 turned out to be a near perfect day to hold the annual Memories on Main St. Car Show in downtown Troy, Missouri. Attending from the Gateway Buick Club were Chet Palumbo, Mark and Sheree Kistner and Ted Becker. Meeting at the Walmart parking lot in Troy, the trio of Buicks caravanned to the venue. With Ted and his red 57 Special in the lead, a car blasted through a stop sign and nearly broadsided Ted's car. Mark and Sheree were behind, and Sheree screamed when she saw what was transpiring. Fortunately, Ted saw the approaching car and locked up his brakes avoiding a potentially very serious accident.

The event was attended by about 300 cars lined on both sides of Main Street and some of the side streets. Outside of the 3 aforementioned Buicks, only 2 other Buicks were seen. One was owned by Jeff Moore of Troy, MO who expressed interest in joining the club.



Ted Becker's red 57 Special 2 door hardtop, Mark Kistner's green and white 67 Special station wagon and Chet Palumbo's blue 68 Skylark.



The day was hot and sunny with nary a cloud in the sky. Lots of visitors roamed the display and were suitably impressed with the showing of our club. All in all, a fine show and wonderful time and venue to show off our cars.

Prospective new member Jeff Moore with his very dark green (almost black) beautiful 1938 Century with dual sidemounts.

# Girls Can Fix Cars Too

By Monica Ledwon

*Ed. Note: At a previous meeting, Monica told a very interesting story about the fuel door on her Avalon. It was really quite resourceful how she had created a work around for her problem. The story inspired Bob Brasses to do some research to diagnose and resolve her issue. Herewith is her story and the path to resolving the problem.*

## 1999 AVALON FUEL DOOR MALFUNCTION OR HOW TO GAS UP

### YOUR CAR WHEN FUEL DOOR WONT FLIP

Upon Member Check-in during the June Meeting at Sports Café, Monica Ledwon reported that she experienced the failure of her '99 Avalon's fuel door to flip open. Odd things go wrong with old cars. And it took three heads put together to solve the problem.

Woody Smith--Monica's visiting friend from Florida. After hanging up the pump, Monica hightailed it to his house and hailed him away from his grass cutting. After examination, Wood discovered, when Monica held the flipper switch up steadily, it allowed him to manually pop the fuel door open. He then lubricated every working part and hinge to no avail. Monica headed home and figured out she could replicate this operation by utilizing a 5 ft. dog leash. Wrapping the handle to interior fuel door flipper switch and pulling it up while walking the few steps back to the fuel door she was able to gas up by herself. A temporary fix.

Bob Brasses—Upon hearing this story during the Member Update, Bob's mechanical brain gears started spinning. A day or so later he sent Monica a picture of his daily driver '03 Avalon's fuel door. He pointed out there is a V-shaped pinch clip on the left attached to the hinge. His theory was that mine was not functioning, broken, or perhaps had fallen off. Bob even found an Amazon listing of where I could buy a replacement clip. A very kind gesture on his part to analyze and research this repair for me.

Monica Ledwon— Monica compared Bob's pinch clip photo to her own Avalon and discovered, it was indeed missing. She brought Bob's exploded view to Seegar Toyota and with old car karma by her side, the parts department had one such clip at the price of \$10. She then set up an appointment with Woody in his driveway to accomplish this repair.

The Process—Always an exploration when working on the install of a new part on an old car. This is explained in step-by step-photos of the job.

Photo Number 1 – the clip on a white Camry, the Smith’s family car for reference.



'03



Photo Number 2 – '99 Avalon's clip missing the front part of the 'V'. The back part still attached to hinge rod.

Photo Number 3 – With a struggle and different sizes of screwdrivers, Wood was able to pry off the broken clip half, Note scratches on fuel door metal. I'm thankful for Wood's hand strength to wrestle his adversary into submission.

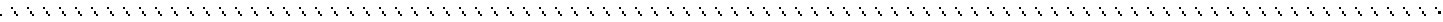






Photo Number 4 – New clip was installed but not easily. The part fought Woody until he was able to slide it onto the hinge rod by partially closing the fuel door at the same time.

Resolution – The fuel door now opens with such force it can cause anyone standing nearby a slap on the butt!



*A face only a mother could love...???*

# *My Life with Cars*

By Ted Becker

As you read this issue of the Gazette, Mary and I are on the last legs of our European vacation. Rome, Venice, Vienna, and Croatia. Hope it all goes the way I have planned it. In my absence, Chet Palumbo and Monica Ledwon have stepped in to complete this issue. Thank you to both of you.

How did I become interested and fascinated with cars? Well, it started probably by the age of 5 when I impressed my mom and dad by being able to identify virtually every car on the road. Unlike many of you, I did not inherit this from my dad. I loved him dearly and he was very good to me in my formative years, but he had no interest in cars or anything mechanical. He and his brother were insurance agents. They carried the insurance for Wagner Buick, so they faithfully only owned Buicks. I used to say that he was over his head washing screens. An exaggeration for sure, but not by much. He would occasionally have to replace those old faucet washers and always ended up calling a plumber to finish the task. Illinois at the time had both front and rear license plates that were newly issued each year. Dad would get his new plates and take them to Wagner Buick to have them install the plates for him.

When my dad died in 1995, we helped my mom clean out the house as she was moving to Texas with my sister. The only tools I inherited at that time were a few well worn screwdrivers, a pair of pliers and an old Ford Monkey wrench left over from my grandfather.

As I approached the age of 16, my desire to drive a car was almost painfully strong. I thought about it constantly and began washing and waxing my dad's 58 Buick Roadmaster 75 4 door hardtop. If you've ever waxed a big Buick with Simonize car wax, you can appreciate what a big job that can be. I studied shop manuals from the library for his Buick to better gain knowledge of the mechanics of the car.

Tires at the time were those god-awful bias ply tires that only lasted 30,000 miles and were subject to blowouts. We were on vacation going to Canada when I was 15 and we were going through Elyria, Ohio. Right in a stretch of highway that was elevated and narrow with guard rails on each side, the left rear tire blew out. I jumped out of the car, emptied the trunk, and got the bumper jack and spare tire out. Traffic was pretty heavy at the time, and I was changing that tire with my hind end right on the outside lane marker. Cars whizzing by at 60 MPH (or whatever) made it a pretty harrowing experience. No harm, no foul, but I think about that every once in a while, thinking of the old saying that "the Lord loves a fool."

Fast forward a few years and it was time to spend some of my hard-earned money from my job as a busboy and buy my own car. After extensive searching, I found a 56 Ford 2 door sedan

with a 223 CID 6 cylinder in Millstadt, Illinois. The car was a 3 on the tree and I had never driven a stick shift before. I pretty much knew how it all worked, so I was confident that I could drive the car home. Well, it was raining that day and the tires were about as bald as Telly Savalas's head. I was doing OK until I got back home into Belleville and got stopped at a stop light on a hill. PANIC!!!! There was no emergency brake, so I had to give it some gas and let the clutch out without stalling the engine. After a few unsuccessful attempts and having an ever-increasing line of impatient cars behind me, I panicked and gave it a whole lot of gas and let out the clutch. All that got me was 2 rear tires spinning. After a few more attempts, I finally was successful.

My savings account was now lighter by the \$50 it took to buy the car, but new tires were an absolute necessity. So off to the Firestone dealer for a full set of recaps to the tune of \$62.50. Now my savings account was really thin, but I was frugal and replenished it in due course.

I was always working and tinkering on the car learning as I went along. I got good at changing points and setting timing with a timing light I borrowed from one of my friends. I even went so far as to change the pinion seal on the differential, which was a real chore.

The car burned a lot of oil and would die on me from time to time. I never did find out why it would die, but I convinced myself that the engine needed to come apart. I bought a set of Thorsen sockets with a ratchet and breaker bar from the local auto parts store and off I went.

The engine was a 6 cylinder, and I was able to remove the splash pans and stand on the ground next to the engine. The cylinder head came off without too much difficulty. I had much more testosterone back then and much stronger, so I was able to lift that heavy cylinder head and set it down on the floor.

Next step was to remove the valves. I had no spring compressor (obviously) so I had to figure out a way to remove the valve keepers. I cleaned off an area in the garage about 8 feet in diameter to give me some room and to be able to find the keepers as they came flying out. I took a large socket and put it on the top of the spring retainer and hit it with a hammer. After a few attempts, the keepers would come out and go flying around the garage. Fortunately, I was able to find all the keepers and did not lose a one.

I next pulled the pan and removed the piston and rod assemblies. I got new rings and bearings and set about putting it back together. I was young and stupid and did not realize the cylinders needed to be honed, so that step was not conducted. First step was to get the rings compressed so the piston would fit in the cylinder. Buying a ring compressor was a bit out of my budget and I did not know anyone who had one for my use. What to do – What to do?? I walked into town and bought 3 sets of shoestrings at the local shoe store. When I got home, I took one of the shoestrings and wrapped it around the ring and pulled it tight so the ring would compress. Starting with the oil ring, I dropped the piston down to where the ring was at the top of the deck



and tapped the piston with a hammer to get it into the bore. Then the lower ring and then the top ring. After a full day working and another trip to the shoe store to buy another pair of shoestrings, all the pistons were now in place. I had no torque wrench, so the rod and main cap bolts were tightened about as tight as I could get them. In retrospect, they were probably all overtightened, but – what the heck?

Now I had to put the head back together. The valves were not awful, and I surely couldn't afford a valve job, so back together it needed to go. Back into town I walked to the local hardware store, and I bought a couple of L braces like those used on those old wooden window frames. I bolted them together leaving a small opening in the middle. I took the legs of the L brackets in my hand and put it on the top of the spring retainer and put my weight on it to compress the spring. I had my sister (who was about 12 at the time) put the keepers in place. It all worked!!

At the end of all of this, I got the car started and had it back on the road. What a feeling of accomplishment that was!!

Over the years, I've self-taught myself many other mechanical tasks and expanded by collection of tools and equipment. Excepting the years while I was working for Ford and racing stock cars, I have always worked alone. Through the necessity, I think I've gotten pretty good at doing 2-man jobs by myself.

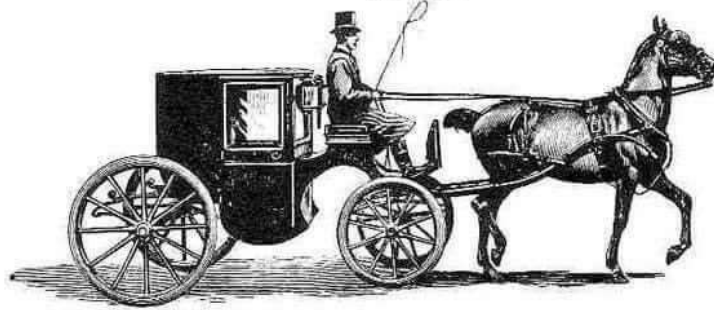
As I talk to all of my fellow club members and other car guys, I am almost envious of the stories I hear about them working with their dad, or their uncle, or their neighbor, in learning how to work on cars and have tools available to do the jobs. I guess I did mine the hard way, but I don't regret it for a minute. Now, if I could just get back some of that testosterone from my youth, I could really get some things done!

# Gazette Centerfolds



# Gazette Giggles

**THEN**



**NOW**



**WELL PLAYED, HORSE. WELL PLAYED.**



**LIFE IS A JOURNEY**

Roll the window down and enjoy the ride.



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

**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
- Potluck 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]

**October 4<sup>th</sup> – 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 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**
- 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 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 \*\*\***

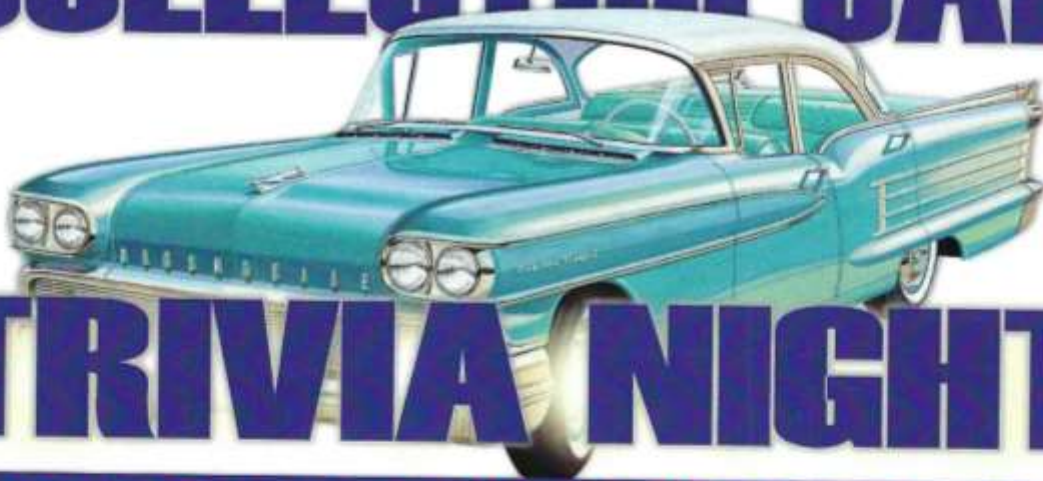
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### January 9<sup>th</sup> – Monthly Meeting / Holiday Party

- **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]



# COLLECTOR CAR



# TRIVIA NIGHT

**BENEFITING ST. LOUIS HONOR FLIGHT & ANIMAL WELFARE**

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT OLD CARS? TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE AGAINST OTHER VINTAGE CAR ENTHUSIASTS!

QUESTIONS ABOUT AUTOMOBILE TRIVIA, POP CULTURE & MORE!

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021 • 7:00PM - 11:00PM**

AMERICAN LEGION 312 2500 RAYMOND DRIVE ST. CHARLES, MO 63301

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**Questions? olsonrsa@gmail.com or (314) 825-2980**

**REGISTER BY OCTOBER 16, 2021**



**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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Club website [www.stlouisbuickclub.net](http://www.stlouisbuickclub.net)

Follow us on Facebook at: Gateway Buick Club of St Louis, Mo



**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

**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. Rivieras,  
 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 [jpalumbo@centurytel.net](mailto: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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

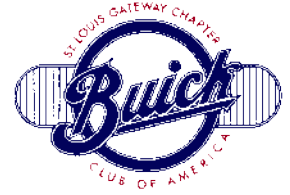
Mail this form with your check or money order payable to: St. Louis Gateway Chapter BCA 2021, to the following address:

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



**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

## Application for Membership

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

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

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

### BCA MEMBERSHIP DUES SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Member (not required): \_\_\_\_\_

New or  Renewal: BCA # \_\_\_\_\_

*If you are a renewing member, please include your current mailing label.*

How did you hear about the BCA? \_\_\_\_\_

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Check/Money Order  
# \_\_\_\_\_

Visa    Mastercard    Discover

Date Processed: \_\_\_\_\_

Expire Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

Mastercard     Visa     Discover *(Check One)*

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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](mailto:bca@cornerstonereg.com)  
Office Hours:  
M-F 9:00-5:00 (Central)