



Monthly Newsletter of the St Louis Chapter Buick Club of America

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Director's Letter

September 2020

Greetings,

2020 Heartland Regional Meet - CANCELLED

What a bummer. I feel like Jack in the 1993 movie Mr Mom, when Ron asked him if he was going to wire his house in 220, Jack replied "Yeah, 220, 221, whatever it takes...???"

So in cancelling the 2020 Heartland Regional, all I have to say is:

Yeah, 2020, 2021, whatever it takes...!!!

First of all, I cannot express enough how lucky I am to be working with Bill Landers and Pete Nathan on this team. Once we decided to reschedule the Heartland Regional, we immediately got to work and closed out the 2020 event and rescheduled the 2021 Heartland Regional.

2020 Heartland Regional:

- August 11th, we announced that the 2020 Heartland Regional was cancelled and rescheduled to September 2021.
- August 14th, Refunds and 2021 Heartland Regional Registration Forms were mailed to the 55 Guests who had registered to the 2020 Heartland Regional. And; all hotel reservations were automatically cancelled with email notifications sent to everyone who registered within our block.
- 2020 Shirts and Dash Plaques will be used in 2021

2021 Heartland Regional:

- August 21st, we signed a contract addendum with the **Doubletree by Hilton Hotel – Chesterfield** for the 2021 Heartland Regional
 - The 2021 Heartland Regional is scheduled for September 8, 9, 10, and 11th.
 - A day was added upfront to support early arrivals and Wednesday evening registration.
 - Room rates will remain the same, \$119.00 per night.

- 2021 banquet cost, also remain the same
- And we added the use of a storage room close to hospitality.
- New Ads were placed in the BCA-Bugle and the Buick Rod and Custom Association's Newsletter
- 2021 Reservations request sent to Daniel Boone Home.

Member News:

- Patrick Bulfin, In a rehab hospital, recovering from a Cardiac Arrest he had at work on July 29th.
- Herb and Sharon Morris passed away on August 5th, from the Covid-19 pandemic. More information and Articles follow in the Gazette.
- Dave Smith, we continue to keep Dave in our prayers and support him in his ever slow recovery at DePaul Hospital. 90 plus days and counting... Dave, I know you will read this so remember “Play Ball”

Club Dues are Past Due: To everyone who has paid, **Thank You!**

- If you have not paid, please mail a check payable to “**STL Gateway Chapter – BCA**” to Pete Nathan, 1 Huntleigh Trails Lane, St. Louis, MO 63131

Upcoming Events:

☹...*August 29th – September BBQ, Monthly Meeting & 2020 Work Party* (CANCELLED)

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☺...**September 12th – Club Picnic & Monthly Meeting at Love Park (Muffin Pavilion)**

☹...*September 13th --- Wheels in Motion Car Show – West Port Plaza* (CANCELLED)

Well, this month, with the loss of a couple of dear friends and the cancellation of the 2020 Heartland Regional we are again reminded that this Covid-thing is for real. So please; wash your hands, wear your masks, stay healthy and pray this thing is over soon.

All for now
Enjoy!

Chet

Editor’s Note: We are all disappointed that the Regional we have all been looking forward to enjoying was cancelled. This was a tough, but correct decision by our Director, Chet Palumbo and the steering committee of Bill Landers and Pete Nathan. On behalf of all in our club, we sincerely appreciate all the time and efforts you all have put in to make this regional a success. Your leadership and dedication have been a blessing to our club, and we appreciate the work all of you have so capably performed.

Thank you Chet and Bill and Pete!!!!

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes, August 3, 2020

- The August meeting was held on the patio at The Sport's Café in Bridgeton, MO, and was facilitated by Chet Palumbo, Director. **12** Members were present.
- Chet opened the meeting with **The Pledge of Allegiance** of the United States and thanked everyone for attending.
- **In compliance with Covid-19 Guidelines**, members were required to wear masks when not eating, the Club provided Masks, Gloves, and Hand Sanitizer to those who forgot.
- **July Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by John Lasinski to approve the July Meeting Minutes, second by Bill Landers, and approved by all.
- **Please Note:** Ted Becker is our Secretary for tonight, as Monica is practicing Social Distancing tonight. Thanks, Ted.

Member News:

- Dave Smith is in DePaul Hospital, Bridgeton, MO, - No update. Card was sent around for all to sign and deliver to Dave at a later date.
- Gene Bossaller's mother Irene passed away last month. Card was sent around to be sent to Gene.
- Get well and sympathy cards were available for all to sign.
- Congratulations to Damien Flaherty who started a new job today.
- John Lasinski also seeking new employment.

Member Check-in:

- Meeting was held on the patio and it was very hard to be heard. Member check-in was therefore not done as the meeting group was small and we had pretty much already given our reports informally.

Treasurer's Report: (Pete Nathan).

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

BCA Club News:

- **National News: No updates to report**
 - 2021 50th Buick National Dual Meet Celebration
 - Charlotte, NC June 30th – July 3rd, 2021 (Concord, NC)
 - Cleveland, OH, July 7th – 10, 2021 (Strongsville, OH)
 - *STL to Concord = 789 miles / 12 Hours,*
 - *Concord to Cleveland = 525 miles / 8 hours,*
 - *Cleveland to STL 600 miles / 9 hours.*
 - *Total = 1,905 miles / 29 hours.*
- **Regional News: (Note: Meet was subsequently cancelled after this meeting)**
 - **2020 Heartland Regional Meet, Chesterfield, MO. September 10 – 12, 2020**
 - All hands on deck...!!!
- **Gateway Buick Performance Chapter (BCA).**
 - **Updates: Nothing to report**

- Their next meeting is Sunday, August 9 at Ferd Lang Park, 1820 Old Lemay Ferry Rd, Arnold, MO 63010. First pavilion on the right as you turn into the park. Members are asked to bring their lunch and chairs. Lunch at noon, meeting begins at 12:30 p.m.

Old Business:

- **2020 Dues are Past Due – See Pete Nathan.**
 - **Time for our annual postcard notifications**
 - **It was decided to not do that this year as our plates were already pretty full**
- **Name Tags:** (Pete Nathan)
 - See Pete if you have not received your nametag or if you would like to order one, \$7.00 each.
 - Chet requesting everyone to have one for the 2020 Heartland Regional

New Business:

- **2020 Heartland Regional Event:**
 - Host Hotel: Doubletree Hilton in Chesterfield, MO, September 10 - 12th.
 - **Online Link for 2020 Hotel Reservation:**
 - https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/S/STLSCDT-GCB-20200910/index.ihtml?WT.mc_id=POG
 - **NOTE:** Masks are required inside all the time and are required outside when Social Distancing is not possible (bottom line – best to wear your mask at all times).
 - **Banquet planning is still uncertain depending upon social distancing requirements, attendance and regulations from St. Louis County.**
 - **Hotel has offered to open up both banquet rooms to permit distancing.**
 - Large buffet tent is in the parking lot that is another option that could be utilized.
 - **Hotel Update, Pete Nathan:**
 - **Everything still on schedule as planned**
 - **Golf Cart Rental, approved by Chet, Pete to get information for rental and delivery**
 - **Sponsorship:** St. Louis Buick Dealer Advertising Association.
 - Featured Vehicles: Convertibles and Modifieds.
 - **2020 Activities (no updates)**
 - *Tours; Fast Lane Classic Cars Inc., old St. Charles with a guided tour by Joseph Yochim, Box lunch and Daniel Boone's Home, driving tour of MO wine country, end at Chandler's Winery*
 - *As of July, Chet verified that all Venues are open and have us on their schedule.*
 - *Daniel Boone may need to restrict the number of guests who can enter the home for a guided tour, wear masks when in the home, no restrictions on the grounds, verified no charge for the pavilion, but we must clean up.*
 - *Fast Lane will require anyone entering the gift shop to wear a mask.*
 - **Registration Update** (Bill Landers)
 - **Bill reported that there are 50 Event registrations,**
 - **2020 Heartland Regional – Wednesday Move in and Set-up**
 - **Wednesday Evening Registration...???**
 - **Focus Area Meetings**
 - **All subcommittees (parking, swap meet, registration, etc.) to have organizational meeting prior to the beginning of the meet.**
 - **Door Prizes:**
 - Chet encouraged everyone to start soliciting now.
 - **Special thanks this month to Mark Kistner for all the goodies he received this month from Gates Rubber.**
 - **Raffle Items:** five (5) or less, must be nice and must be pre-approved.

- *Chet will maintain a list and post updates of items collected and follow-up with “Thank You” letters.*
- **Mark Kistner is getting donations for raffle items.**
- **Hospitality**
 - **Consider getting snacks for hospitality room**
- **Weekly Countdown: Last month Ted Becker, started a weekly countdown to the 2020 Heartland Regional. Thanks, Ted.**
- *50/50 Drawing proceeds will be donated to Shriner’s Hospital.*
- *\$20.00 Swap Meet, for all items donated to the club over the years, if you have anything you would like to donate, all proceeds will go to the Shriner’s Hospital.*
- **Trailer Parking, Last week Damien received confirmations from; the Chesterfield Athletic Club which is adjacent to the hotel property as our primary location for trailer parking, and the Chesterfield City Hall, which is around the corner from the hotel and will be used as overflow parking. Damien, Thank You.**
- **2020 Regional Shirts**
 - Available for sale, see Chet. Tee Shirts \$15.00 and Polo Shirts \$20.00
 - New order available – smaller sizes now in stock
- Regional Trophies will be ordered close to the last minute.
- The Wheels of Motion Charity event is the Sunday following the Heartland Regional. Bill Landers suggested we promote this show with ours.

Upcoming CLUB Events:

*****August 29th – “September” BBQ, Monthly Meeting & 2020 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 bring sides/desserts.
- **AND: if any member feels uncomfortable sharing sides, they are still encouraged to attend and are welcome to bring their lunch.**

*****September 13th --- Wheels in Motion Car Show – West Port Plaza**

- **STATUS: Chet verified with Elliot Cytron, head of Wheels of Motion event, the event is a go, but is subject to be cancelled at any time. Fliers are being printed today; Pete Nathan will pick them up. (Note: Wheels in Motion Show has since been cancelled.)**
- 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 are taking the lead on this event]

Upcoming Events (OTHER):

- **August 7th – Wentzville Cruise Night, Pierce Blvd.**
 - **\$10.00 Donation benefits D.A.R.E, Sponsored by Harris Tire**
 - **6:00 – 9:00 PM**

50/50 Drawing: \$_No drawing was held.

Next Meeting:

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Motion to adjourn made by, Bill Landers, Seconded by Geoff Lockett.

Approved by all at 7:45 p.m.

Gazette Wisdom of the Month

If you think you can do it, you're right.
If you think you can't do it, you're right.

Henry Ford



September Birthdays

Jenna Smyth
Jim Hall
John Lasinski
Nancy Pinkston
Ted Becker
Andrew
Haberern



September Anniversaries

Ed & Nancy
Keil
Adam & Atena
Martin



Member Spotlight

Jeanne Palumbo

By Monica Ledwon

This month's Gazette features Jeanne Palumbo, the pleasant and petite partner of our club's President, Chet Palumbo. Born Jeanne Harlow, though not related to the famous Hollywood star, she has the same energetic verve to have a career, make a home, raise children, and keep up with Chet's many car adventures.



JEANNE WITH CHET AT THE HOLLIDAY PARTY

Jeanne was born in Hastings, Nebraska a town of 22,000 which is a good size for the Cornhusker state's wide-open spaces and known for the inventor of Kool-Aid by Edwin Perkins, in 1927. She lived all her formative years there and graduated from the town's only high school, Hastings High. Jeanne went on to enroll in the Dental Assistant Program at a nearby newly opened Central Community College. Attaining an Associate Degree, she worked a total of thirty-six years in this field from the frontlines of patient teeth cleanings to administrative duties in offices.

The stars aligned in Jeanne's life during college.

Way back east in Ohio, a guy running a bit wild, captured the attention of a Lincoln, Nebraska relative-- Chet's Uncle Clive. He convinced his nephew, to get to the new Hastings community college and seek an education in data processing. Karma prevailed after Clive's thoughtful suggestion and Jeanne met Chet.

In Jeanne's family life, cars were simply to get from point A to Point B. There never was any automobile worship or restoration. Jeanne didn't even have to bother with fueling up a gas tank as her dad did that for her. So, going on her first date with Chet to a car show was a totally new experience. Chet picked her up in the future classic, a '57 Chevy. Seeing all the automobile enthusiasts and their shiny cars, listening to all the car talk was a culture that impressed Jeanne.

As they dated, Jeanne became more aware of preserving and keeping a car in good condition. She noticed Chet's Chevy had worn front seat upholstery. During spring break one year when Chet was back in Ohio, Jeanne enlisted the help of a girlfriend for an interior upgrade and

patched the front seats with flower power printed material. But her sewing project left Chet less than impressed when he returned!

Chet and Jeanne married in 1968 and started their journeys down the road by transferring to different cities for Chet's work. First Bridgeton, Missouri where Jeanne became familiar with the smells and art of body work. Chet used their home's one car garage to utilize his skills in painting cars for friends. And, she was more drawn into this group of people who loved cars by accompanying Chet to the track for small sports car races where he put his MG Sprite through its paces.

As job transfers came about, Jeanne and Chet had two children, a boy Jeno (named after the frozen Italian pizza rolls, a staple in the Palumbo household) and a girl, Dena. Then during the 90's, they lived in Charlotte, NC and Atlanta, Ga with daily drivers always setting outside to accommodate Chet's hobby cars.

In 2000, while in Georgia, Chet found a '37 Buick Special Coupe, a solid classic that needed some work, in North Carolina. He had a friend there who drove the car down to Atlanta for him. Jeanne says this Buick became a keepsake and has stayed with them ever since. Buicks were also the daily drivers of choice in the Palumbo family especially Park Avenue models.

Becoming weary of the corporate life, Chet decided to take up a new opportunity that a friend offered him at Old Dog Street Rods in Maryland Heights, Mo. Moving back to the St. Louis locale was perfect for Jeanne to hang out more often with her offspring and their offspring. And, working in the Old Dog administrative office there, Chet met Pete Nathan who with his finesse talked Chet into joining the Gateway Chapter Buick Club.

In 2003 Jeanne and Chet moved into her dream house and his dream garage in New Melle. Now after retiring from her 36-year career, Jeanne is always around to lend Chet a hand by holding parts, lining up doors, scurrying around for tools and giving him moral support. Then, she began to join in on the Gateway Chapter's club camaraderie. Chet and Jeanne loyally attended out of town Buick shows and Jeanne has helped the club out frequently selling raffle tickets and helping with registrations at our own local shows.

Talented sewing and quilting is Jeanne's main hobby. She belongs to a church quilting group that together makes 1000 baby quilts a year. A specialty quilt of her own creation was one for her grandson Ryan who is very sports oriented. She gathered pieces of team shirt jerseys and diligently pieced them together to make him a quilt for his high school graduation. Kyle, Kate and Jake make up the rest of her clan of teenage grandkids.



Jeanne’s other pastimes include a book club group and Bible ministry. And, we too, appreciate her being another valued “car girl” in the Gateway Chapter Buick Club!

What’s Happening in Gateway Buickland

Ted Becker: I agreed to accept a part time job as a Census Taker. Seemed like a good idea at the time and a way of fulfilling my civic duties. I worked this job for about a month and half which curtailed all of my car work and most of my other domestic chores.

In doing this job, I got the opportunity to travel every mile of gravel road and visit every trailer park in all of Lincoln County. My truck got an additional 1000 miles added to the odometer and who knows how much cumulative damage my tires encountered from the sharp rocks. Good thing the truck is 4WD as I had to use it often to visit some very out of the way residences on barely passable driveways.

But, all is done now and I’m enjoying my newfound freedom. Mary is also happy that some of the “honey do” items on my list will be checked off the list. She is also looking forward to enjoying the new refrigerator that the modest US Government remuneration provided.

Chet Palumbo: As you can see, our '37 coupe it's starting to look like a car again. And as you know, nothing ever goes as planned with the restoration of an old car. We ran into a few obstacles with the glass, some not cut right, some we broke, but that's behind us now. The grill shell and radiator are ready to be installed next. I'm currently working under the dash installing a power cowl vent motor and I'm switching out my mechanical speedometer for an electric one that can be calibrated to match tire size and gear ratio of the car.



Andrew Habern: I've been enjoying the unseasonably cool August weather to run every errand in my 46R, with the windows down the way God intended. Work still has me confined to my basement bunker, with no Return to Office scheduled. Work related travel, usually 7-10 days each month, is also curtailed through at least the end of the calendar year. Frankly, I'm going a bit stir crazy.

I put some 1957 Roadmaster wheel covers on the car to change up the look, plus one of the 1963 Wildcat wheel covers I had on the car at the picnic has a nasty habit of breaking loose and trying to pass me on the right. After several "walks of shame" to retrieve the errant cap from a bush, yard or parking lot, I decided the best option was to swap them all out. I've bent the tabs back on the offending cap, but I'm too cowardly to reinstall them. I like the look of the Roadmaster caps, too. What do you think? Pictures of my Bunker and the new (old) caps attached.



Geoff Lockett: Ruthann Haskins, my Mother-In-Law who lives in Vermont with her daughter Melodie Showacre, received news that she may have cancer, so we left St. Louis on August 16th to spend two weeks in Vermont to be with her and the family.

We are very familiar with Vermont, vacationing here many times over the last 30 years with Angela's family, so I was looking forward to this. Ruthann's illness is a bit of a damper, but she's in good spirits and she has been a woman of very strong faith all the time I've known her. She is not the mother-in-law of derisive jokes – she's a great and positive person with many friends, including me.

People like to joke about the politics of Vermont, but it is a special place. The people of Vermont, regardless of political affiliation are fiercely independent and show pride in America. It is largely a rural state, a territory New Hampshire & New York fought over. Both lost to Ethan Allen & the Green Mountain Boys and Vermont eventually becoming a State.

Here are images taken in and around Warren, VT near where Melodie, her husband Dave & children live with Ruthann.

1. Old cars are everywhere. These pictures were taken within 2 miles of Warren.



'55 Buick Special that's been in this same spot for at least 10 years.



An active '37 Ford Flatbed truck. Anyone got an extra headlight?



1939 Ford Standard Wisconsin State Police car in Warren. I dearly miss my 37 Standard flathead coupe.

2. Architecture – authentic preservation is almost a religion.



One of the many covered bridges still around from the 19th Century. This one is in Warren, over the Mad River. Warren Town Hall



Flags everywhere!



Typical of the many 19th Century houses



Another one. Most are well maintained like this.



We're staying in Dave Showacre's late mother's house that he grew up in (pictured), built c. 1820. That's *not* vinyl siding. Dave is a traditional self-reliant Vermont mountain man and it's an honor to know him. That's my daughter Madeleine, Dave & Melodie and my sister-in-law Margaret. It's August & cool enough in the evening to wear a jacket, but Melodie's tough! Most nights we enjoy a backyard fire.

Last, but not least, Ruthann Haskins. Because of her faith and positive outlook, we all fully expect a miracle.



Bill Bicknell: Bill sends the following note and photos from his friend, Theo Tap, in the Netherlands. The cars in the pictures were used in Theo's dad's funeral business.

hello mister bicknel

i hope everything goes well with you and your family.

It is not so much fun that virus and all the hassle around it.

here with my family everything is fine.

I don't work for a while because of my health and the corona, but I certainly enjoy myself.

go cycling a lot and relax in the garden.

Also I do have a couple of times a week maintaining the three oldtimers

'm not gone to gone there . for me could be dangerous.

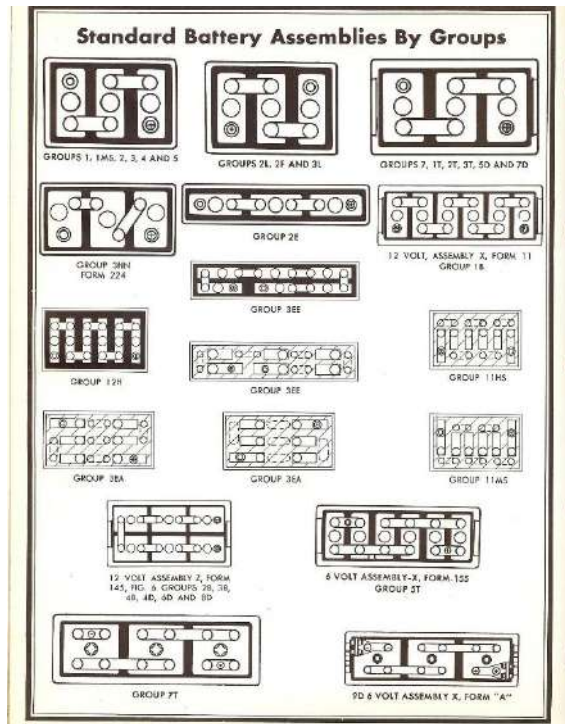
I have hope that you also emtions to your projects (Duesenberg) work in your new workshop

many greetings from the Netherlands and stay save

Theo Tap and familie



More from Bill Bicknell: This isn't much but may be of some interest. It is from a 1955 Autolite catalog and shows the terminal arrangements for various model batteries. I am also building a test stand specifically for Cord engines using an original Cord stub frame. I'll take photos today and send them.



And yet more from Bill: The 1936/37 Cord engine is built different from conventional engines and sits “backwards” in the car to accommodate the front wheel drive. As such, the engine doesn’t fit my test stand for conventional engines. As I am now rebuilding several Cord engines, I took a Cord stub frame and have adapted it with wheels, a gauge board, etc. and it makes a nice test stand. Attached are photos of the first engine on the test stand.



Mark Kistner: Attached are a few pics and a brief description of our current and ongoing project. With the regionals postponed, my plan is to get this complete and in show ready condition for the event. Our car began life as a 70 Skylark Custom. After many years of driving it thru college and thereafter, it was time for an update. The tired 350 motor and trans were replaced with a Mike Philips automotive machine and performance 455 backed by a B&M turbo 400. The motor was dyno tuned at 440 h/p with 530 lb ft torque at the crank. This should be a fun street cruiser with its 12 bolt 3:08 Posi rear ended. The tired 4 wheel drum brakes were replaced with factory disc front / drum rear. All fuel and brake lines were replaced as well as the entire fuel system. The car is extremely solid retaining its original trunk and floor pans. The car will display gran sport hood and badging. This has been an ongoing project for several years prior but am now finding the time and motivation to complete it for the upcoming event in 2021. As always, hope everyone is doing well and hope to see everyone real soon.





Damien Flaherty: Bittersweet, but something had to go and the Roadmaster 75 came up with the short straw. Its headed off to Sweden for another chapter in its long life. Hope to see some pictures of her in the various venues around Scandinavia.



Al Tornabeni: My last update on the 36 Special 3 window coupe (you have pictures) was at the February Club meeting when I reported stopping problems. Well from there it got worse after getting the brake problem fixed the ignition went out again and finally gave up on the Lecctric Limited electronic ignition and switched to Pertronix 3 and thought that solved the problem. Shortly after that engine (65 Buick 401 nailhead) stalled & would not start and was diagnosed as a main bearing from the engine noise it had been making.

Wound up replacing main, wrist and cam bearings basically rebuilding the engine for the second time and putting the front end of car back together. I've had it home for about 2 weeks now and appears to be running better than before -keeping fingers crossed. Even the trans is running better and can hardly feel a shift (hope that's not a bad thing?)

So, what else could possibly go wrong well I'll tell ya - I wanted to keep the original gage cluster however after all this sitting the fuel gage stopped working. The amp gage was already a no go and the speedometer had started acting crazy after having the 2nd trans rebuild (65 400 thm) late last year and it never lit up that well at night. Really liked the look of the look of those gages and they went well with the dash theme. Problem was the gage cluster is only 4 1/2" x 7 1/2" so the most popular 4" - 5 1/2" round gages would not fit without ripping up the dash somewhat.

However, Speedway Motors made a big mistake and put some 3 3/8" dia. Auto Meter gages on sale when I actually needed them and the speedo has a built in GPS so don't have to deal with the 80 year old cable.

If you see a guy with glasses driving my car it's probably me trying to read the 3 3/8" gages.

Lesson learned- don't rebuild your engine and trans 5 years before you're ready to run your car but how do you mockup everything when everything is new or different. Would you not want to know the engine and trans were rebuildable before you mocked them in. I don't know toss of the coin I guess.



Was looking forward to debuting the car at the September Show but there's always next year. Hats off to all who worked so hard on the show I'm sure it was a big disappointment, but I'll go along with it as it was the right thing to do.

Herb and Sharon Morris

We were all saddened to hear of the sudden deaths of both Herb and Sharon Morris, victims of the Corona Virus. According to the reports we have received, they are looking to have a memorial either in the Spring or Summer of next year.



HERB AND SHARON WITH THE DODSON'S AND WESTERS AT THE 2010 HOLIDAY PARTY

Herb served the club as director in 2011 succeeding Bob Brasses and followed by John Lasinski. After his retirement, he bought a motor coach and took a respite from the club to do some traveling and enjoying the countryside.

Herb was good friends outside of the club with several of the members. John Lasinski remembers Herb and Sharon serving as surrogate grandparents for their daughter Anna. They attended numerous school functions and grandparent's day open houses with Anna.

No stranger to cars, Herb owned many Buicks over the years. His pride and joy was his 1991



Reatta coupe, which he took to the 2012 Regional in St Louis and was awarded Best in Class. He loved that Reatta so much that he took the Reatta name in his email address.

Stock, modified, performance or street rod – Herb loved them all. He bought a Grand National from John Waltz that he took to many shows. A stock 37 sedan was often seen at the Easter Show.



Desirous of a modified street rod, Herb found a unique car at a show in Indianapolis. It started life as a 1934 Oldsmobile but converted into a hearse by the Sayer Company. An Indiana farmer resurrected it many years later with custom paint and upholstery with a Buick 401 nailhead engine coupled to a ST400 transmission. The car is unique in every sense of the word but drove like a Conestoga wagon. Up to 45MPH all was fine, but after that it had a really bad front-end shimmy. He finally sold the car a

year or so ago after several years of attempting a sale.



Following is a Member Spotlight written by Steve Dodson in 2009.

Member Spotlight – Herb Morris

By Steve Dodson

This month's "Member Spotlight" focuses on Herb Morris. Herb currently owns a 1987 Grand National, 1937 Buick Series 40 4-door and a 1990 Reatta convertible.



Herb said his all-time favorite car was his 1987 Grand National. When asked why, he replied he likes the feel of the power and the way it drives.

Herb caught the "Old Car Bug" in 2001 when he bought his first old car, a 1969 LeSabre 2-door HT. He joined the Gateway Chapter and BCA that same year. Over the years since then, Herb has owned several Reattas, including his current Maui Blue convertible. Later, he decided he needed a "fat-fendered" Buick and bought the '37. (You will find the '37 and Reatta on a later page under "For Sale.") Herb now has his eye on a street rod.

Herb has been one of our more active members, holding the office of secretary of our chapter for four years and currently serving on the Board of Directors. As they say, you've come a long way Herb!

Herb is a sales representative for Medart Marine Supplies. For 21 years, he has sold marine supplies to boat dealers and other related businesses in several Midwestern states.

Other than keeping his old cars going, Herb has a hobby of collecting "Department 56" porcelain model homes (Dickens series). His current collection numbers 72 homes and is growing.

Herb has been married to his wife, Sharon, for 40 years, they have one child.

Herb served our country for 6 years in the Army National Guard. Herb was a heavy equipment operator. (sorry Herb, I just can't see you driving a bulldozer!) But we want to thank you for your service.

Gazette Centerfold





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**2020 Activities Update:**

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*September 7<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day 2020 - MONDAY*

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**September 12th – Club Picnic & Monthly Meeting at Love Park (Muffin Pavilion)**

- o Starts at 11:00 a.m. **Saturday**
- o Address: 2248 Mason Lane, Ballwin, MO 63021
- o Club members bring a picnic lunch and drinks
- o Bring Lawn chairs
- o Please wear masks and do the social distancing thing
- o The club will bring masks, gloves and hand sanitizer if you forget

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- o **Concerning this Covid-thing, I’m proposing we DO-NOT sell Snow Cones this year, if this show happens, we attend and donate \$250.00 to The National Children’s Cancer Society.**

**October 5<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/>

**November 2<sup>nd</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 Penridge Drive, Bridgeton, 63044
- (314) 298-1631
- <https://www.sportscafe.biz/>

## December 6<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/> o [Chet Palumbo reservations]
- \*\*\* Don't forget to bring a toy for Toys for Tots \*\*\***



**A** BUICK estate wagon is now starring in the popular TV series, "Sky King." Above is a shot of the wagon, together with stars Gloria Winters and Kirby Grant, taken on location.



**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. 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 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 \_\_\_\_\_

***Buick Club of America Information:*** <http://www.buickclub.org/join/>

**You are required to be a BCA member.** BCA # \_\_\_\_\_ (required)  
 Buicks now owned (Model & Body Style): \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

***About your other car interests:***

Collector cars now owned, other than Buicks: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Member of other car clubs: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other auto related interests: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Annual car events you currently attend: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

***About your other interests:***

Hobbies, Collections other than cars: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (antiques, gardening, golf, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail your application and / or chapter dues to our treasurer:**

Pete Nathan, # 1 Huntleigh Trails Lane, St. Louis, MO 63131 – Phone: 314-413-2966



# Buick Club of America

## Application for Membership

[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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Amount

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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)