

Love Park Annual Picnic

Sunday July 7, 2019 could not have been a nicer day for our annual picnic at Love Park in Ballwin, MO. In attendance were 32 members with 7 classic Buicks on display along with one Plymouth GTX (more on that later).

Taking his customary spot on the grill was Gene Bossaller, who performed his usual magic turning raw hamburger, hot dog and bratwurst into a meal fit for a king. The weather was not as hot as it has been in previous years, but a hot grill is still a hot grill. Thank you Gene.

For the last few years, we have been entertained by Mike Saputo and his “Boney Goat” band. Mike had an unfortunate household accident which precluded his presence. Get well, Mike, knowing how much we appreciate having you guys to entertain us.

Chet and Jeanne Palumbo brought an assortment of shirts for our upcoming 2020 Regional event. Sales were brisk and the shirts look great!! In honor of their cars being displayed on the shirts, Pete Nathan and John Lasinski were given a “wall hanger” banner of the artwork used for the shirts.



As usual, a fine time was had by all. Good food, good weather, good fellowship and good Buicks.

Buicks on Display at Love Park



Bob Windal—1970 GS455 Convertible, John Miidkiff—1966 GS Convertible,
Monica Ledwon—1985 Regal



Bob Merrick—1971 GS455 Convertible, Bill Landers—1990 Reatta Convertible,
Steve Dodson—1968 Electra Convertible



John Lasinski—1971 GS455 Convertible

Sorry I missed getting a picture of Scott Keller's 1989 Reatta

The Gateway Buick Faithful



Gene Bossaller—the Hamburger Magician



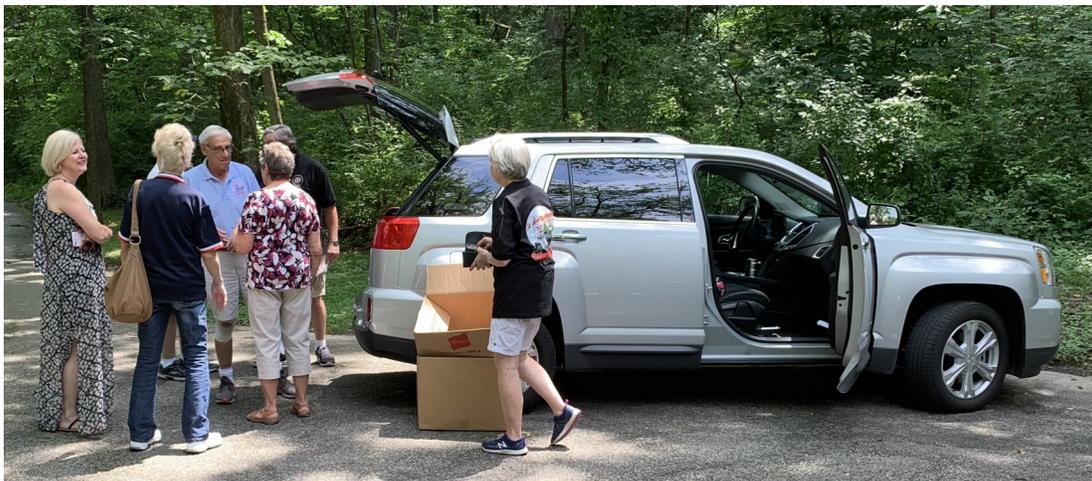
Gene being assisted by Rhonda Ford, Jeanne Palumbo and Pete Nathan



L to R: Monica Ledwon (back to camera), Aaron Ford (Sitting—back to camera), Dave Smith, Bob Brasses, Barb Brasses (Standing), Bill Landers (behind Barb), Pete Nathan (back to camera), Steve Dodson, Patrick Bulfin (far right)



Barb Knudsen, Rhonda Ford and Kitty Lasinski



L to R: Angela Lockett, Sherrie Dodson, Pete Nathan, Ginny Landers, Chet and Jeanne Palumbo.
Selling Regional T Shirts from Chet's SUV



Geoff and Angela Lockett



Bob and Cheryl Merrick



John and Angie Midkiff, Mark Kistner



Pete Nathan, Barb Brasses and Patrick Bulfin



Bob and Barb Windal and Barb Knudsen



Doug Bremer, Bob and Cheryl Merrick



Monica Ledwon, Aaron Ford, John Regnier and Rhonda Ford



John and Anna Lasinski with Sherrie Dodson Sabina and Kitty Lasinski (backs to the camera)



Bill and Ginny Landers with Sheree Kistner



Director, Chet Palumbo and Treasurer, Pete Nathan displaying the sponsorship check for the 2020 Regionals from the St Louis Area Buick Advertising Association. (Further details in the meeting minutes)

Some days things don't turn out the way they are planned.

Mark and Sheree Kistner were preparing for the annual Love Park picnic from their home in Millstadt. Mark wanted to take his gorgeous GS, but, being the dutiful newly wed husband, her deferred to Sheree's wishes to take the Plymouth GTX she inherited from her father. No problem, or so it seemed.

All was well on the drive over until they were almost at Love Park when steam started pouring out the hood. "Oh &%\$*&" says Mark. They made it the rest of the way in and found a pin hole leak in the lower radiator hose. Green Ethylene Glycol formed in a telltale streak on the parking lot.

That is when being in a car club with good friends and knowledgeable car people really comes in handy. Mark waited until the meeting was over and the engine had cooled down to start corrective action.

Doug Bremer pulled out his toolbox and the work began. Here they were on a Sunday afternoon, 30 miles from home and what a mess! Along with Doug; Scott Keller, Pete Nathan, John and Kitty Lasinski, Bob and Barb Windal all stayed with Mark to help out with the repairs.

As unbelievable as it seems, a local O'Reilly Auto Parts store had the correct lower radiator hose in stock. John made the 5 mile drive to pick it up along with a gallon of antifreeze and a few extra tools. After a couple of hours of work, the repair was made and they were back on the road.

That folks, is what the Gateway Buick Club is all about!!

