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Member Spotlight by Steve Dodson



Spotlight on Tim Hanneman



This month's "Member Spotlight" focuses on Tim Hanneman. Tim currently owns a 1948 Buick Roadmaster Sedanet, a 1985 Riviera, a 1951 Packard 400 Patrician 4-door sedan and a 1985 Cadillac Eldorado Convertible.

When asked which was his all-time favorite car, he said it was the 1948 Buick he now owns. Tim said he likes the style and performance of this car. It seems he comes from a family of Buick owners.

Tim joined the Gateway Chapter about a year ago and has been an active member during that time. His interest in old cars began when he was about 18 years old and has continued to this day.

Tim's hobby is collecting 1/24th scale model die-cast cars and Russell Wright pottery/dinnerware. He is an amateur auto restorer – starting out working on plastic model cars and working his way up to the real thing.

Tim is a manager of aeronautical and aerospace engineering data. He has worked on several aerospace projects such as the Space Shuttle main engine, the Space Station, and the engines for the F-15 and F-18 fighter jets.

On a less happy note, Tim has accepted a job which will take him to Houston, TX, where he will work on a Top Secret government project. He is to start working in Houston in August and will be moving there this fall. Tim, you will be missed at our club activities.

Next Meeting, Fuddruckers, 7:30 pm, August 6

South Lindbergh and Watson Road

Director's Message

Hi All,

Well we made it. The '55 took us to the top of Pikes Peak and back home. The National was great, with lots of cars I had not seen before. Mike Marx also made it there and back in his '30. We stayed after the show and participated in the Pre-War after-tour and also did some touring on our own after that.

Prior to heading out to Colorado, Dave Smith joined us on a trip to Alton for the Antique Boat show. Bill Wester came down for the day and we had a great time visiting. Lot's of great old boats. Ex-club member Gene Hughes invited us, and it turned out to be a great show. Hopefully, we can get a better turn out next year.

The Heartland Regional is right around the corner as is the Wagner Buick show. This may be the last show at Wagner since they will likely no longer be a GM dealer as of January 2010. SO PLEASE make every attempt to make the show. Wagner has been a dealer since 1912. They have a new facility and are great hosts. IF YOU COULD invite as many folks as you can to bring their Buicks, Pontiacs or GMCs to show!

Thanks to Steve Dodson for running the last meeting in my absence. I understand we have a new meeting place for August – Fuddruckers on Lindbergh at Watson Road

See you all there.

Bob

Meeting Minutes, July 9, 2009

The July 2009 meeting was held on Thursday, July 9, at Fenton Bar & Grill. We had a good turnout with

Meeting Minutes, July 9, 2009 (continued)

one new member, Nick Eckstein, who owns a 1970 Skylark.

The Club meeting was facilitated by Steve Dodson.

The minutes of the June 2009 meeting were approved as printed in the Gazette.

Herb Morris gave the Treasurer's Report.

July Birthdays

James Bain	Ina Bicknell
Steve Kramarczyk	Monica Ledwon
Adam Martin	Anna Marie Meyer
Herb Morris	Pete Nathan
Gail Simon	Bill Seibel
Bob Windal	

July Anniversaries

James & Marcia Bain Avis & Anna Marie Meyer

Upcoming Events:

July

1-5 National Meet - Colorado Springs, CO
3 Fenton Cruise - Life Christian Church
9 Regular Monthly Meeting - Fenton Bar & Grill
12 Lion's Club Show - McNair Park

August

6 Regular Monthly Meeting – Fuddruckers, Sunset Hills
7 Fenton Cruise - Life Christian Church
13-16 BCA Heartland Regional Show, Appleton, WI
23 Cruise to Dreamland Palace German Restaurant, Fosters Pond, IL. Meet at Koch Road 11:30 am
29 Skyview Drive-In

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August Birthdays

Marcia Bain	Kitty Lasinski
Tony Ingargiola	Carl Schmiehausen
Karen Schmiehausen	Janet Walchshauser
Bill Wester	

August Anniversaries

Tony and Nancy Ingargiola

Editor's Note: Please let me know if your birthday or anniversary doesn't show up in this listing

Meeting Minutes, July 9, 2009 (continued)

It was reported at the meeting that the Wheels-In-Motion show is September 13 (not the 6th as previously printed), and the St. Charles Octoberfest is September 25, 26, and 27 (rather than October 6).

New Business

New meeting place – Fuddruckers, Sunset Hills, Lindbergh & Watson

Fall Display, Bentley’s Nursing Home Display?

Cave Winery, St. Gen. Oct 17 & 18 ?

Advertise next year’s Museum of Transport Show in the Bugle and newspaper. The Olds club gets 50 cars at their MOT show versus 24 at our show.

The need for new tires for the Buick bus at the Museum of Transport was discussed. Maybe only tubes are needed? Maybe Coker or ? will donate?

Member’s Ill

(See note on Jonnie King later in this newsletter. Ed.)

50/50 drawing – Won by Paul Meyer

Next Regular Meeting

Aug. 6 Fuddruckers, Sunset Hills, 7:30

2009 Calendar

August

- 6 Regular Monthly Meeting - Fuddruckers
- 7 Fenton Cruise - Life Christian Church
- 13-16 BCA Heartland Regional Show, Appleton, WI
- Cruise to Dreamland Palace German
- 23 Restaurant, Fosters Pond, IL. Meet at Koch Rd. at 11:30 am
- 29 Skyview Drive-In

October

- 1 Regular Monthly Meeting - ?
- 2 Fenton Cruise - Life Christian Church
- ? Cruise to Bill Bicknell’s
- 17-18? St. Genevieve Overnight Tour

November

- 5 Regular Monthly Meeting - ?
- 7 Fall Oil Change
- 12-14 Southeastern Regional Show, Murfreesboro, TN

September

- 3 Regular Monthly Meeting - Fuddruckers
- 4 Fenton Cruise - Life Christian Church
- 12 Wagner Buick Show
- 13 Wheels In Motion - Westport Plaza
- 28 St. Charles Octoberfest Show
- 26-28 Route 66 Festival - Springfield, IL

December

- ? Luncheon Get-Together?

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Attention!

Please note that we are meeting at Fuddruckers in Sunset Hills Plaza on South Lindbergh at Watson Road in August and until further notice.

Jonnie King

Many members, who have been around for a few years, remember Jonnie King and his customized Buick. You'll probably also remember that Jonnie was seriously injured in an accident at his home more than a year ago. I ran into Jonnie's cousin at the MOT show in June and asked him to get Jonnie to provide an update via e-mail. Jonnie's e-mail follows:

My cousin Jimmy Thomas called me from the museum today and told me he took his boys out to see the show. I couldn't come because I had to work on my Web site all weekend.

He said he had a great time talking to you and that you showed him some of the other cars. Many thanks! He's also my godchild and I've tried to get him into

older cars ... but he doesn't go back that far and likes muscle cars more. Wish he had a Buick ... he's got two Chevys and a Ford (lol).

I am feeling lots better than I was a few months ago ... wasn't sure if I'd make it at one time, but I'm still here.

My Web site is doing very well. Almost 38,000 people have logged on from 77 different countries, closing in on three million hits since I started it two years ago. Here's how to get there: www.legends.thewwbc.net

Hope you and Ginny are okay.

Thanks again!

Jonnie King

Museum of Transport All Buick Show

Our club and MOT sponsored an all Buick show on June 28, which was a beautiful, pleasant day, but with disappointing numbers. We had 24 cars total, 22 of which registered and paid the \$5 fee. Dash plaques were provided to registered attendees. As we did last year, we split the proceeds of registration and donations from sno cones with MOT, which received \$75.

Again this year, we asked the MOT staff to select their top three favorites among the displayed cars. John Lasinski's GSX took first place, Tony Ingargiola's GS took second and Tim Hanneman's Roadmaster was awarded third.



Trophy winners as selected by MOT Staff

Flag Day Show at Jefferson Barracks

It was Flag Day, June 14, 2009, when the Horseless Carriage Club had their annual car display at Jefferson Barracks for our veterans living there. I was contacted and asked to recruit some cars for this show, so I called some of our Buick Club members who consented to participate. Pete Nathan brought his '35 Buick, Herb Morris brought his '39 Buick, Culus Jones had his '83 Riviera and myself. Upon arrival, we found another Buick Club member already there, Tim Hanneman, with his '48 Roadmaster. The Buick Club was well represented that day!

There were 22 cars on display. The vets were asked to select their favorite cars, and our members received two of the three trophies. Pete took first place and Herb took third place. Congratulations and thanks for giving up your Sunday afternoon for our vets.

Contributed by Steve Dodson



2009 BCA National Show

Well what do you get with 100+ Buick in one place? A BCA National! This was the 50th anniversary of the '59 Buicks, and there were 32 '59s in attendance. Quite a show. We also had an appearance of the Misses Electra, LeSabre and Invicta (See picture). Of course, the girls were not the original ones used by Buick to promote the new names, but they were a big hit at the show. I was impressed that the '55s had to be split into their own group for judging with more than ten cars judged.

Mike Marx was situated amongst several interesting cars. The car pictured that looks like Mike's is a 1930 Marquette. If you look closely you will notice it has a flat head six and a rumble seat. Also parked by Mike was the quite unique 1933 model 90 Brando Pistorius.

My '55 earned a bronze award at the show. Also this year, Ken and Sue of Wheatbelt Buick were selected for a vendor award.

Contributed by Bob Brasses





The 6th Annual "All GM Classic Car & Truck Show"

Saturday, September 12, 2009

11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

3800 West State Rt. 15, Belleville, IL 62226

Directions from the West

Take I-255 on the east side to exit 17A to Rt. 15; travel east about 6 miles. At the South 17th stoplight take a right and you will see us on the corner of Rt. 15 and South 17th St.

Directions from the East

Take Frank Scott Parkway to Rt. 15 East, go 1 mile exit right at South 17th St.



Come on down to Wagner Buick Pontiac GMC and join in the fun. Once again there will be many classic vehicles from The Gateway Chapter of the Buick Club of America, The Pontiac Oakland Club International, the GMC Arch Chapter, and the Arch Olds Club. So if you have a special interest GM vehicle and would like an opportunity to show it off we would like to invite you to join us. Everyone is welcome. The first 50 registrants will be given dash plaques.

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Alton Antique Boat Show

Gene Hughes, ex-member of our club, invited us to the Antique Boat show in Alton. Gene had parking spaces held for us. Dave Smith, Barb and myself made it to the show from the St. Louis area. Bill Wester came down to be with us.

The older boats were really interesting. The oldest boat at the show was a 1953 Chris Craft. Most the owners were happy to show off their boats and would invite us onboard for a tour. We had a great time. I hope we are invited back next year and that we have a larger turn out of club members.

Contributed by Bob Brasses



Post BCA National Side Trips

Or, Mike and Bob's Excellent Adventure and Barb came along too.

After the National, we joined up with the Prewar Tour. Our tour leaders, Sandi and Ed Lappin had laid out a great agenda.

Day 1. Garden of the Gods and Pikes Peak. We drove through the Garden of Gods, which is amazing. It consists of huge formations that are awe-inspiring. After a stop for lunch, it was off to Pikes Peak. Mike decided to ride with us as his '30 was not happy at the higher elevations. Fortunately, I had talked to several folks before attempting the climb. The alcohol that is added to gasoline has reduced the boiling point, so it was suggested that adding some diesel fuel would increase the boiling point. Also, keeping the gas cooler would help. We headed up with the diesel added to the gas. We stopped at the gift shop at 10,000 feet and met one of our group heading back down. They had experienced vapor lock at 12,000 feet and couldn't proceed any higher. You could actually see the gas bubbling in the glass filter bowl. I packed the fuel line to the carb on the '55 with ice and headed up. We made it, but it was slow going. The engine's efficiency at 14,000 feet was just enough to keep us going forward. On the way down, we brought along a couple hikers who were tired after the hike up and did not want to hike down or face the potential of afternoon

lightning. My '55 was the oldest in our group to make it to the top.

Day 2. We toured St. Mary's Orthodox Church and had a great lunch provided by the ladies of the church. Then, we headed to a paint mine used by Native Americans. Visits to a windmill collection and an antique/junk shop were on the afternoon schedule.

Day 3. We got a tour of the Cherokee Ranch. The ranch is a mansion on a ridge and is filled with wonderful works of art and history. The lady that owned it had it preserved for all to see and it is only available for group tours upon request. We then headed to Castle Rock for lunch and some antiquing.

After the tour, we headed down to Canon City and rode on the Royal Gorge railroad. The trip goes up the Royal Gorge on the old Rio Grande Railroad right of way. We rode in a dome diner car from the Alaska Railway circa 1950s. The sights were spectacular. One item of interest that could be seen was the wooden pipe that was used until 1972 to get fresh water to Canon City. The pipe was built and maintained by convict labor.

Other activities included a trip to ride the Georgetown loop, west of Denver, and a visit to the Greyhound Hall of Fame in Abilene, KS.

Contributed by Bob Brasses

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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 are \$15 per year for the local chapter. Contact Pete Nathan, Treasurer. See address below. Current dues for the national club are \$40 per year payable to: Buick Club of America, P.O. Box 360775, Columbus, OH 43236-0775.

The Gateway Chapter meets monthly on the FIRST THURSDAY of the month. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. and guests are welcome to attend. We meet at various restaurants around St. Louis and most members and guests try to arrive by 6:30 p.m. or earlier to have dinner before the meeting.

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