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BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA

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HOLIDAY PARTY AND GATEWAY GIFT GIVING

December 5, 2004

Our chapter Holiday Party was held at C J Muggs Restaurant in Webster Groves. The room was the right size for our group, the menu offered a nice variety and the service was good. Thanks go to Pete Nathan for making the arrangements.

As in December 2003, the Gateway Chapter members were given the opportunity to bring donations for Toys For Tots. And this year we added Wings of Hope. The photos on this page show the results of your generosity.

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Above: Delia Greer presents checks from Gateway donors to Wings of Hope Director, Douglas Clements.



Left: Pictured with the toys are Bill Landers, Chapter Director; Mark Mercer, General Sales Manager at Lou Fusz Pontiac-Buick, an official collection point for Toys for Tots; and Marine Sgt. Bonner. Gateway Chapter members brought 97 gifts.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 3 Monthly Meeting at O'Leary's

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Since we didn't have a January edition of the *Gazette*, I'll take this occasion to wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. I hope everyone had a great holiday and a good start to 2005. The weather so far this year hasn't been very accommodating, but I'm sure it'll warm up one of these days.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our Toys for Tots and Wings of Hope campaigns at the Holiday Party. And thanks again to Pete Nathan for making the arrangements for the party. On December 7th, John Waltz and I delivered an SUV full of toys to Fusz Buick and Marine Corps Sergeant Bonner. The photos on the front page also show Delia Greer presenting our contributions for Wings of Hope to WoH Director, Douglas Clements on December 14th.

Awards were given at the Holiday Party. Herb Morris got the Hard Luck trophy and Bob Windal got the Precision Driving trophy. (Details are in the lead article.) Three members received paid-up dues for the next year when their names were drawn from the container of attendance tickets from the meetings and events of the last year. They were Pete Nathan, Mike Driscoll, and yours truly.

Many of you may know that one of our members, Gabe Callol, has provided his 1969 Sportwagon to the club to be used as a project to raise money for a charitable donation. The article on pages 5 & 6 provides details of options for the club to consider.

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 3^d at O'Leary's on South Lindbergh. Currently we plan to return there on March 3^d and April 7th. Our May meeting is planned for Saturday, the 7th in conjunction with our spring picnic at the Kunz Plantation. In June, we'll move back to Chuck-A-Burger for the outdoor season.

Hopefully the weather will be nice by mid-March since Easter is early this year—March 27th. Assuming we follow the pattern of the last several years, our first event of the year will be the Spring Tune-up and Ladies Luncheon on Saturday, March 19. Paul Meyer will let us come back to his business, Spectra Painting, for the tune-up; and the Ladies will have to decide where they want to go for lunch. (no, Tony's is not an option.)

Hope to see you and your Buicks soon.

Bill

Buick Club Meeting Minutes December 5, 2004

Location: The December 5, 2004, meeting / Holiday Party was held at C J Muggs in Webster Groves. A total of 34 members attended.

Minutes from the last meeting were accepted as printed in the *Gateway Gazette*.

Hank Deglman gave the Treasurer's Report. After income and expenditures, a total of \$2,654.93 was in the Club's account as of December 5, 2004.

Bill Landers reminded us that there would not be a Club meeting or *Gazette* published in January 2005.

Bill Landers appointed Ed Keil chairman of the election committee to be assisted by John Waltz and Bob Brasses.

This year's winner for the Precision Driving Award was Bob Windal.

This year's winner of the Hard Luck Award was Herb Morris.

The winners for the annual drawing for free club dues for next year were Mike Driscoll, Pete Nathan and Bill Landers.

The next meeting will be February 3, 2005, at O'Leary's on South Lindbergh.

There was no 50/50 drawing.

Herb Morris
Secretary

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PAST DIRECTORS
ST. LOUIS GATEWAY CHAPTER

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| Bob Loudon | 1978-1980 |
| Harry Honig | 1981-1982 |
| Frank Kunkel | 1983-1984 |
| Ed Gibbs | 1985-1988 |
| Pat Ogelsbly | 1989-1990 |
| Jeff Watkins | 1991-1994 |
| Russ Miller | 1995-1996 |
| Paul Meyer | 1997-1998 |
| Steve Dodson | 1999-2000 |
| Bill Landers | 2001-2004 |

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Since the Holiday Party is combined with an end of year meeting, we always present some special awards. Herb Morris was given the Hard Luck Trophy. Herb drove his recently acquired 1937 Series 40 to the Octoberfest car show in St. Charles last fall only to discover that it had somehow lost a quart of oil in only a few miles. Herb had understood that the engine had been overhauled during the car's restoration. Another overhaul is being done this winter.

Bob Windal took home the Precision Driving Trophy for his midnight ordeal driving a just-married couple to the airport in John Waltz's 55 Special. Bob drove unfamiliar back roads in heavy rain with wipers and defroster barely working while being tail-gated by a pickup with high mounted headlights. To make matters worse, water was splashing onto the floorboards around his feet from a leaking windshield. Bob always seems to get the tough jobs, from night security at the regionals to driving the club's project car which had been parked for four years. Pete Nathan was happy to return this dubious award to Bob.



A photo of the entire group can be found on page 4. Thanks to Dennis Striebel and Steve Dodson for contributing pictures for this article.

And while we're looking back at the past year, some further recognition is in order. Our chapter has quite a group who made special contributions in 2004. (Remind your editor if you think of anyone he missed.)

Event Chairmen for our Regional in August

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| Advertising: | Herb Morris |
| Clerical & Registration: | Bill Landers |
| Financial: | Hank Deglman |
| Hospitality: | Nancy Keil |

Hotel & Awards Banquet: Paul Meyer,
Ed Keil & Hank Deglman

Merchandise: Ed Keil
Swap Meet & Show Field: Paul Meyer
Tours: Paul Horkits

Thanks also to Phil Berger and the Buick Dealers Association for their financial contribution. And we shouldn't forget our member photographers: Dennis Striebel, Phil Berger and Pete Nathan. The regional was a very successful event of which we can be proud. The \$3,433 profit was sent to the Heartland Region Treasurer. Some may go as 2006 seed money, but we expect some back from the 9-way split to chapters.

2004 Publishing Award - Jonnie King

It takes a special effort to get an article published in the *Bugle*. Jonnie King not only got published in 2004, but his efforts in 2003 got his '61 Invicta and this car's builder, Manuel Arteche, into the Rod & Custom Hall of Fame in 2004. So 2004 was a banner year for Jonnie.

Chapter Events

We offer a big thank you to each of these who hosted an event.

Carl Schmiehausen - June Picnic
Dennis Striebel - October Chili Bash
Pete Nathan - Augusta Wine Tour

Also, thanks to those hosting BOD meetings.

Webmaster - Adam Martin

Adam took on this job in 2004 and quickly had a much improved website up and running. Thanks, Adam.

Master Editor's Award - John & Chris Waltz

2004 didn't seem like a special year for us since we had made no big changes in our approach to articles or layout. But it was the year we received this BCA National award, and the recognition was gratifying. Thanks to all who contributed articles and photos in 2004.

Dedicated Director - Bill Landers

Thanks for four fine years and especially 2004 with all the extra duties for the Regional.

National Board Member - Paul Meyer

We appreciate your representation.

Jwaltz

HOLIDAY PARTY



The gang at C J Muggs

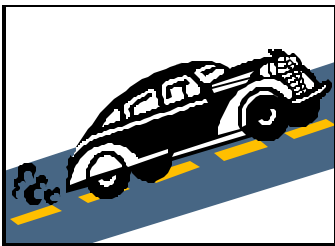
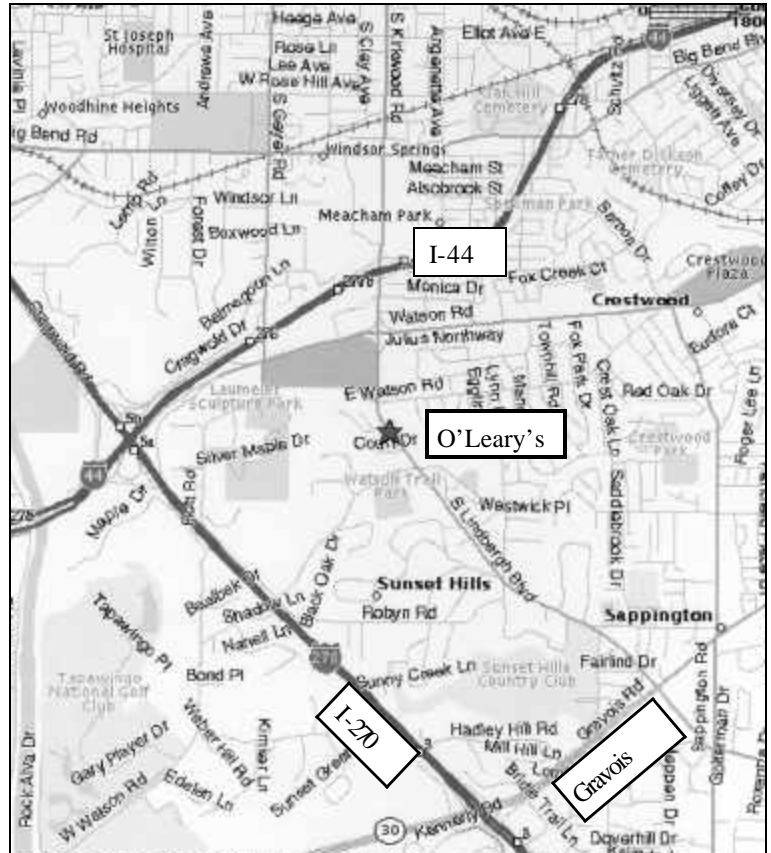
Thursday, February 3rd Gateway BCA Monthly Meeting at O'Leary's Restaurant



O'Leary's
3828 S. Lindbergh

THE MEETING IS AT 7:30 PM

**BUT COME EARLY AND EAT WITH YOUR
BUICK CLUB FRIENDS!**



January Anniversary
Charles & Mary Ann
Highland
February Anniver-

January and February Milestones

January Birthdays

Steve Dodson
Larry George
Ed Keil
Ed Lanfer
Rea Morrison
Victor Panus
Patricia Panus
Chris Waltz

February Birthdays

Phil Berger
Walter Crawford
Scotti Hartig
Mary Ann Highland
Rosalee Hudson
Bill Nolte
Rowdy Swink



The notable thing about the ease with which the new Buicks perform every duty is the firmness of that ease—though maneuverable under the lightest touch, so that any woman can drive one all day long without fatigue, control is positive as steel on steel.

Buick 8
A GENERAL MOTORS PRODUCT

NO OTHER CAR IN THE WORLD HAS ALL THESE FEATURES: Valve-in-Head Straight-Eight Engine . . . Anolite Pistons . . . Sealed Chassis . . . Luxurious "Turner Top" Body by Fisher with Fisher No Draft Ventilation . . . Tiptoe Hydraulic Brakes . . . Knee-Action Comfort and Safety . . . Torque-Tube Drive . . . Automatic Starting, Spark and Heat Control . . . Built-in Luggage Compartments . . . Front-End Ride Stabilizer

\$765 to \$1945 are list prices of the new Buicks at Flint, Mich. Standard and special accessories groups at extra cost