



# Gateway Gazette

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### BOBBY'S CUSTARD - JUNE 4TH

Our evening at Bobby's in Maryville, Illinois, had a lower turnout than previous years, but it was a nice evening. Remember that year we were all going back to our cars looking for coats or blankets? This year we had 11 cars. We lined them up at the front of the drive-in and many people just out for a custard took the opportunity to walk down the line and check them out. We had a few Buick owners stop after spotting our display as they were driving by, but we weren't successful in doing much recruiting.

We may have lost attendance by having the event two days after the monthly meeting at Chuck-A-Burger. Next year we will try to do better. In any event, a faithful few enjoyed the nice evening and friendly banter with complimentary custard to keep us filled and smiling.



**UPCOMING EVENTS:** July 6 - 9 BCA National at Batavia, New York  
August 4 Monthly Meeting at Chuck-A-Burger

## DEGLMAN IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

I am sorry to have to inform you of the passing of Rea Morrison, wife of Whitey Morrison. Rea had been ill for quite some time so we have not seen Whitey very often. Our Buick club condolences and thoughts are with the Morrison family.

We had a very high turnout of members at our June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting at Chuck-A-Burger. It was nice to see James Bain and Amy Kelly, Gary Doherty, Jonnie King and Vic Panus. We welcomed our newest members, Shane and Sharla Hoyt, who have a 1941 Buick. Glad to have you with us.

At our meeting Ed Keil presented us with changes of By-Laws concerning voting quorums, voting members and voting on club expenses. The Board of Directors unanimously approved these changes and the general membership also accepted them. The new By-Laws define our voting quorum as 1/4 rather than 1/3 of members. The new wording for households includes a husband, wife or companion. The dollar limit for club bills paid without membership vote was set at \$100. Future changes to our By-Laws will be addressed at a Board meeting in September.

Concerning the bids on Gabe Callol's Sportwagon, the high bid was \$700. Gabe kept \$200 for personal disposal and donated \$500 to Wings of Hope. Delia Greer gave us a nice talk on Wings of Hope at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Then we surprised her with the \$500 donation. I received a very nice acknowledgement letter from Wings of Hope.

Steve Dodson made a presentation to us on the stained glass Buick logo that he is making for a raffle item for the national meet in Rochester, Minnesota, in July 2006. Thank you, Steve, for your hard work. Bob Windal also donated some stained glass. Thanks also go to Bob.

Congratulations are in order to Whitey Morrison, Pete Nathan and Bob Windal for bringing home hardware from the May Fest car show held on May 24<sup>th</sup> in O'Fallon, Illinois, that drew 277 cars.

I talked recently with Rick Schick, registration chairman of the Chicago Regional being held August 17-20<sup>th</sup>. He had yet to receive any registrations from our club. I know quite a few people are going, so let's try and send them in as soon as possible. The deadline is July 17<sup>th</sup>.

The BCA National Board of Directors is scheduled to hold a Board meeting and preview the show site for the 2006 Regional/National in Rochester, Minnesota on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in going please give me a call.

Our trip to Bobby's Custard on June 2<sup>nd</sup> was an enjoyable time. We got to see Jerry, Jodie, Ryan and Sam Reid and their '68 Skylark convertible. Thanks to Steve Dodson for arranging this event.

Hope everyone caught the article in Saturday's June 18<sup>th</sup> Lifetime section of the *Post Dispatch* picturing Lance Thurman and his son.

As I am writing this I just received a membership application from Bob and Toni Stegeman from St. Charles. They are the proud owners of a 1941 Roadmaster 4-door. We welcome the Stegemans.

Bob Windal, Pete Nathan, Dave Smith and I went to the Hazelwood Baptist Church car show on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Spotted there was current club member Lavera Jones Montgomery's 1972 GS 2-door hardtop. In 1998 when husband Bob passed away the car went up for sale at Fast Lanes. A nice man named Bryan who lives in the Wood River area purchased the car. Bryan wants to meet Lavera and possibly take her for a ride. She will be proud that he has kept the car in beautiful condition. We also talked to a gentleman who had a 4-door '56 Roadmaster and a totally restored '40 Century, which he has not driven in 10 years! Bill and Ginny Landers with a granddaughter and Bill and Karen Nolte were among the spectators. The show had over 500 cars and we were treated like royalty.

Personal note: Please keep John and Chris Waltz in your thoughts and prayers. John is going in for a Stem Cell Transplant in mid July. This procedure will require a 1 to 2 month recovery. John is the most positive person I know. He is very upbeat on what lies ahead for Chris and him. I'll keep everyone updated. We have many volunteers who offered to help with the *Gazette*. Anyone interested in *Gazette* work give me a call.

Keep driving those beautiful Buicks,

**Hank**