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MEMBER PROFILE - DAVE AND JAN WEGHORST

Contributed by Dave Weghorst

We are both originally from Dayton, Ohio and some 26 years ago my job brought us from Dayton to Maryland Heights, Missouri. Two years later, we left the city life and moved to the small town of Villa Ridge, Missouri. I am from a family of Buick owners as my dad drove a Buick for more than 40 years. He worked for General Motors for 50 years and got many new Buicks so I quickly became a Buick fan at an early age.

Jan's hobby was horses and she raised, trained and showed Quarter Horses achieving fourth in the nation in Senior Western Pleasure the last year she showed.

We own our own manufacturer's rep business and for the past 24 years I sold painting tools in Missouri and all surrounding states representing six to seven

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Dave Weghorst with his 1940 Buick Super

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 6th 7:30 PM
July 12th-16th

Monthly Meeting at Chuck-A-Burger
BCA Nationals, Rochester, Minn.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

June has been a very busy month. We had a great event at Bobby's Custard. The picnic at the Kunz plantation as always was a wonderful event. The AACA car show was quite successful. Upcoming is the 50th anniversary of I-70 on the 28th of June.

The AACA was with us at Bobby's Custard. We all had a grand time talking and looking at cars and enjoying the wonderful treats at Bobby's. A live band provided entertainment. What a great evening. Try to make it next year if you can.

A huge "thank you" to Bruce and Kathy who hosted the picnic at the Kunz Plantation. Their hospitality at this event is just wonderful. Thanks to all that brought a wonderful selection of items to eat. A big "thank you" to Ed Keil for getting the burgers, brats and drinks, and to Dave Smith for once again being our BBQ chef extraordinaire.

On June 25th the AACA had a car show in O'Fallon. Three members of the club attended and we got a 3rd and 1st in the groups entered. Adam Martin received the 3rd place in GM 1953 - 1976 and Bob Windal got a 1st in the muscle car class. Just in case you wonder whose car did not get a trophy, it was yours truly. (Maybe next year!)

The next event is the 50th Anniversary of Interstate 70. Thanks to Paul Meyer for coordinating this event. Sign up for this event is over. More details at the next meeting...

The next event is the National in Rochester, Minnesota. If this is your first trip to a National you will really enjoy yourself and want to go again. You may want to make an extra set of keys and bring them! I was a little late getting to the show field last year as I had to remove the rear seat to get to my keys in the trunk of my car. We had a second set of keys, but they sure don't do much good when they are 700 miles away!

Before the next meeting at Chuck-A-Burger please try to think of a new meeting place for the summer months. Also, if you have an email address or any change of information please get it to John Waltz. I would like to use email for reminders of upcoming events as much as possible. For those going to the National meet, please have an idea of when you are leaving. That way we may be able to get several groups together. If you cannot make the meeting, please feel free to contact me and I'll try to hook you up with a group. Currently I'm planning taking two days to get there and one to return.

For those who are really into planning, the night at the movies at the Skyview Drive-In is September 3rd. More details and planning after the National.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting July 6^{t h !}

Bob Brasses, Director

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companies. The first part of this year, I retired from the long hours on the road and we are closing down our business.

Last year on a rainy Saturday morning I was working in my home office and decided to take a break. I put in a search on E-Bay for a 1940 Buick since that was the same year I was born. The search resulted in three 1940 Buicks and one auction was ending in about an hour. On an impulse, I put in a bid on the Buick and, at the end of the hour, I was the proud owner of a 1940 Buick Super. At that moment, Jan walked into my office and asked what I was up to. I had to confess that I had just bought a car on the internet! I must say she was not too thrilled, especially when she found out how old the car was and that it was in Connecticut! Too late, the deed was done. Now I was faced with the problem of getting this old car to St. Louis. I thought I could rent a trailer and go get it, but decided to have it hauled back here instead. My first call to a transport company made me wish that I never got myself into this mess! After calling what seemed like a hundred transport people, I found one that was a match to my pocket book and was well rated. And I was still trying to explain to Jan that I had not seen the car, did not know if it ran, didn't know what condition it was in and didn't know what I was going to do with it when it got

here. But it looked good in the picture on the net! I spoke with the man who had owned it and found out that the car had belonged to his uncle who had passed away several years ago. The owner was a retired service manager at a Buick dealership and had driven the car around for several years. He had not been able to do much with the car because of his ill health, so he decided to sell it.

To make a long story fit in this article, I got the car to St. Louis and was very pleased with it. It is original and has not been restored, but it does run and is in good shape for a 66-year-old car.

Now with my retirement and more time to devote to the car, my plans are to go over it, make it run even better and just have fun with it. I plan to get a car trailer so I can take it places. I really do like this car and even Jan now enjoys it. When we take it out for a drive, people look and wave, and, to me, there is nothing like the sound of a Buick straight eight.

We joined the Buick Club and the Gateway chapter and have met some very nice people. We are looking forward to becoming more involved and, like I said, having fun.

Dave Weghorst



Welcome New Members

These folks have joined the club in the last few weeks. Introduce yourself and get acquainted with them.

Steve and Martha Little
St. Louis, MO

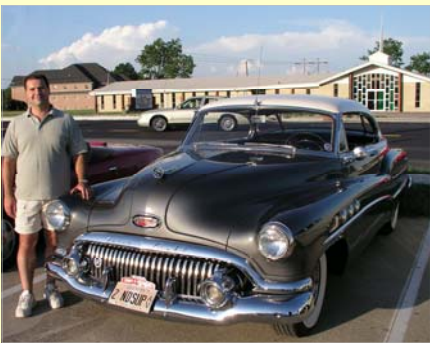
1950 Buick Super Conv. (Resto Rod)

BOBBY'S FROZEN CUSTARD IN MARYVILLE, ILLINOIS With the AACA on June 3, 2006 Contributed by Steve and Sherrie Dodson



The AACA had a couple of trucks along with their cars.

It was a beautiful evening, the skies were clear and the temperature was just right. And lots of good people joined in. After dinner for most, either at the Red Apple Restaurant next door or Red's Rib Shack BBQ just down the street, twelve people in five cars and trucks from our guest club, Gateway City Car Club (the local AACA chapter), joined us. We had 10 Buicks. The live band was great and the many people there really enjoyed the music. Bobby was happy with the turn out and all the business he had that night. We did manage to fill up the entire front row of parking spots that were roped off for us when we arrived. For our Buick club members, this was just another great night together and our guest AACA chapter was very impressed with everything, the BCA group, the music and the ice cream. And they want to do it again next year. Sorry if you couldn't make it. It was another great time out together!



Former chapter member Crin Dima of Maryville stopped by to check up on the crew.



The Band (Can you spot the one on the keyboard?)



Prospective members with a '70 GS. Follow-up needed?



Our chapter included the faithful crew: Adam Martin, the Brasseses, Bob Windal, the Westers, the Landers, Culus and Gail and, not shown, the Dodsons and Morrisises. Saturday work has kept Whitey Morrison away from many events lately, but he was able to come to this evening event.