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Member Spotlight by Steve Dodson



Spotlight on John Midkiff



This month's "Member Spotlight" focuses on John Midkiff. John currently has a 1967 Buick Skylark Convertible which he has owned for 6 years.

John is somewhat of a newcomer in the old car hobby; his 1967 Skylark is his first classic auto. However, his very first car was a 1967 Buick Special 4DHT which was the family car when he was 16 years old. John bought the Special from his parents at age 18 and drove it for 6 years.

John joined the Gateway Chapter in 2006. His job and family have kept him busy the past few years, however he has been attending our club meetings more regularly lately.

For hobbies, John likes to build models; cars, planes and boats, particularly remote control boats. He is a student of military history specifically naval history. John is very active in veterans groups like VFW, American Legion and the Navy Club of MO and is an officer in the Intervets Organization. He currently holds the office of Vice Commander, American Legion of the state of MO.

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Upcoming Events

Lunch at Wittmond Restaurant, Brussels, IL, & Monthly Meeting at Wester's House, Saturday, July 14. Meet at Mills Mall, 11:45 am

Board of Director's Meeting, Thursday, July 19, John Lasinski's

See Details on Page 3

Director's Letter

Hello Everyone. Wow, is it hot! Hopefully we will get a break soon and in time for our next club event. Don't forget; on July 14th we have our cruise to the Wittmond Hotel in Brussels, IL via the Golden Eagle Ferry for lunch and a meeting afterwards at the Wester's house. We will meet at the Steak n Shake in front of the Mills Mall at 11:45 to caravan over.

Last month we held our Annual Club Picnic at Love Park along with our June meeting. Attendance was low but we still had a good time. Remember, this is your club. If the events we are planning are not what you're interested in, please let us know. We are trying to plan a variety of events that will bring the club together and be fun and family friendly. Any suggestions would greatly be appreciated. So let's get out there and have some fun with friends or make some new ones. I look forward to seeing you on July 14th!

Until then, Happy Motoring!

John

Meeting Minutes, June 23, 2012

The June 2012 meeting was held on Saturday, June 23rd at Love Park, in conjunction with the club picnic there.

The Club meeting was facilitated by Director John Lasinski, with 17 members and one guest, Marty, in attendance.

The minutes of the May, 2012 meeting were approved as printed in the Gazette.

May Birthdays: See Gazette

May Anniversaries: See Gazette

Members III: Judy Driscoll and Larry Green were mentioned

Treasurer's Report:

- Club Account: \$2484
- Regional Account: \$4,040

Upcoming Events:

- July 14, Cruise to Wittmond Restaurant in Brussels, IL via the Golden Eagle Ferry for lunch, then visit Bill & Maggi Wester's place for our July meeting. Meet at the Steak & Shake in Mills Mall at 11:45 am to caravan to the ferry.
- July 28. It was decided to cancel the cruise to the auto museum in Fulton.
- Pete Nathan will look into a place to hold the August meeting

Old Business:

- Paul Meyer reported selling around \$400 in 64 Rivi parts in the last couple of months
- 2012 Club dues of \$ 15.00 are past due. Please see Pete Nathan.

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July Birthdays

James Bain	Ina Bicknell	Aaron Ford
Barry Hollander	Judy Hughes	Angela Key
Steve Kramarczyk	Monica Ledwon	Larry Longworth
Adam Martin	Anna Marie Meyer	Herb Morris
Pete Nathan	Sam Palazzolo	Donald Pfitzinger
Martha Roulston	Bob Schurwan	Gail Simon
Chad Thomas	Bob Windal	

July Anniversaries

James & Marcia Bain
Geoff & Angela Lockett
Avis & Anna Marie Meyer
Matthew & Jenna Smythe

Member Spotlight continued

John is a chemist and works for E.A.G. Life Science, which is a testing lab for Pharmaceuticals.

Since he is so active in all the Veterans organizations, one would have to know John served his country by being in the Navy for 28 years. He attained the rank of

Chief Petty Officer. He started as a Dental Tech and retired as Battalion Medical Chief Officer. Some of his duty stations were Guantanamo Bay for 1 ½ years, Bahrain and Lithuania and he also served time on the Hospital ship “Comfort”. Thanks John for all your service to our country

John and Angela have been married for 21 years and have one daughter.

2012 CLUB CALENDAR			
July		October	
14	Cruise to Brussels, IL, Dinner at the Wittmond Hotel, Meeting and visit Wester's	6	Fall oil change
19	Board of Director's Meeting, John Lasinski's	15	Regular Monthly Meeting - ??
		20	Fall Color Tour
August		November	
20	Regular Monthly Meeting - ??	3	Visit Schlafly microbrewery for a tour and lunch
		19	Regular Monthly Meeting - ??
September		December	
6-8	Heartland Regional, Holiday Inn, Airport West	1	Lunch, Meeting, Toys for Tots at Old Spaghetti Factory
9	Wheels in Motion Show, West Port Plaza		
23	Regular Monthly Meeting, & Picnic, Chet Palumbo's, 11 am		
		January 2013	
		??	Holiday Party ??

Upcoming Events

Lunch at Wittmond Restaurant & Meeting. Saturday, July 14, Brussels, IL, formerly the Wittmond Hotel. Lunch is 2 pm at the restaurant, followed by a visit to Bill & Maggi Wester’s home nearby, where we’ll have our monthly meeting. Those with the time and energy can then head to Grafton to visit one of the wineries there. Meet in front of the Steak n Shake at Mills Mall, on I-370 at 11:45 am to caravan to the Golden Eagle Ferry, then on to the restaurant. Maps will be available at the meeting place. The fare for the Golden Eagle Ferry is \$15 round trip. If you want to go to Grafton after the meeting, buy only a one-way ticket, as you’ll be taking a different ferry into Grafton.

Board of Director’s Meeting. Thursday, July 19, 7 pm, at John & Kitty Lasinski’s, 440 Avalon View Ct., Fenton, MO 63026. To get to John’s house, take I-270 to west on I-44, and then take exit 272 toward MO-141/Valley Park/Fenton. At the end of the long ramp (also called N. Highway Dr.), take a left onto MO-141/Meramec Station Road. After 0.3 miles, turn right onto Meramec Station Road, then after 0.7 miles, turn left onto Smizer Mill Road. Take the first right onto Avalon Hills Drive, then after 0.5 miles turn right on Avalon Chase Drive, and after 0.2 miles turn left onto Avalon View Drive. Take the first left onto Avalon View Ct. John’s house is on the right.

Minutes of the June 23 Meeting (Continued)

New Business:

- Performance News: BPG National August 3 & 4, Hebron, Ohio.
- Modified News: Pete Nathan has two months left on his term
- National News: The BCA BOD may allow articles on specific rare or historic cars owned by non-BCA members to be published in the Bugle

Results of the BCA BOD election: Brian DePouli reelected, Brian Clark, Keith Horsfall and Dick Sweeny newly elected. (Not reported at the meeting)

2012 Regional Event

- REMINDER – please turn in your registration.
- The next BOD meeting to discuss progress on the planning for the show will be July 19 at John Lasinski's house, 7 pm.
- We need to pick up the trailer with the equipment needed for the regional from Iowa. Paul Meyer may try to get it in conjunction with another trip.

50/50 drawing – none

Next Regular Meeting:

Saturday, July 14th, 2012 – see above.

FOR SALE

1989 Lincoln Mark VII LSC. Midnight blue, accident-free, always garaged, well-maintained with 88K. Professionally repainted by White Auto Body. Has Dynamax exhaust system, Alpine stereo, Pirelli tires have 20K. A fine example of old-time Ford craftsmanship in the 80's with flawless performance. \$5300 or best offer to a caring new owner. Monica Ledwon mwledwon@gmail.com or 314-878-3935. (See photo, page 6)

1988 Reatta. Original owner, VIN xxxxx00425, red/saddle, 81K miles, new tires. Has the special suede/leather interior which is near perfect. Original documents, some advertising signage. Left headlight motor needs repair. Asking \$7500. Call anytime, Vic, 636-394-2735.

Car Wanted. 1937 through the 1950s, ready to drive, # 3 condition or better. Call Jerry, 314-956-4131.

Huge Quantity of 1964 Buick Riviera parts For Sale. Donated to our chapter by a Buick enthusiast, proceeds will be used to fund chapter activities, including the 2012 Heartland Regional Show. Call Paul Meyer, 314-574-9853, ASAP for the Rivi parts you need.

1971 Riviera. It has been stored in their barn for 23 years, 45 minutes south of St. Louis near Chester, IL. It was a running car when parked. It has 91,000 miles and is complete and unmolested, but needs a total restoration. John Lasinski has looked at the car and can answer some questions you may have. She is asking \$3000 OBO and is very negotiable. She needs to have it out of the barn in 6 months. Call Virginia at (618) 277-2899 for more information. (See photo, page 6.)



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Update on Registrations for the Heartland Regional

As of July 5, we have received 29 registrations. **We need Gateway members to get their registrations in—the form is included in this and May’s Gazette.** Also as of July 5, there was not an update to the previously reported number of hotel rooms booked, i.e., 9 rooms have been booked for the show at the host hotel for Wednesday night, September 5; 39 rooms for Thursday; 40 rooms for Friday; and 33 rooms for Saturday. Since only 15 of the persons reserving hotel rooms have registered so far, it would appear we can count on a number of additional registrations. Typical experience over the years with these shows is that many attendees register in the last month or two before the show.

*** Attendance Incentives ***

At the recent calendar planning meeting, the members present decided that a more formal system of “points” awarded to members for attendance at meetings and events might increase member participation.

Members would be awarded one point for each meeting or event they attended plus one point for bringing a collectible Buick (a Buick eligible for BCA judging) to that meeting or event. Members would be awarded two points for organizing an event or getting a speaker for a meeting or event. Members who submit an article (one full page or longer) for the Gazette would be awarded two points.

At our annual holiday party, the member with the highest number of points would receive free meals for

the member and spouse/guest and paid club dues for the upcoming year. The member with the second highest number of points would receive a gift (TBD) and paid club dues. The third highest points total would receive paid club dues and the fourth and fifth highest point totals would receive a gift (TBD).

At some event during the year (not announced ahead of time), the members with the most and second most points would receive a gift (TBD).

Also, at one or more of our events which include a meal (the particular event not announced ahead of time), the club would contribute (\$TBD) toward the cost of each meal.

Everyone will receive a Gateway Chapter business card and points will be notated by punches on the card with a unique punch shape at meetings and events.



June 23rd Picnic at Love Park



Joe Horvath IV & Mom at Love Park



June 23rd Picnic at Love Park



John Midkiff and his 1967 Special 4DHT



1971 Riviera For Sale



Monica Ledwon's 1989 Lincoln Mark VII LSC For Sale

Buick Club of America

2012 Heartland Regional Meet Registration

September 6 – 8, 2012 in St. Louis, Missouri
Hosted by the St. Louis Gateway Chapter

Members Name: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 BCA #: _____ Phone: () _____ - _____
 Your E-mail address _____
What names should we print on your nametags?
 Yours: _____ Spouse/guest: _____
 Your Chapter Affiliation (if any): _____

Our Host Hotel – Holiday Inn Airport West, In Earth City

3400 Rider Trail South
 St. Louis, MO 63045

Call 1-800-465-4329 to make reservation, mention **group code "HRB"** and **group name "Heartland Regional Buick Meet"**.

OR

Book on-line with group code "HRB"
 at: www.holidayinn.com/stlairportwest
 Check-in: 3:00 PM, Check-out: 12:00 Noon
Rooms: \$82.99 + ~15% tax - single to quad
 • Rate applies to reservations by 08/13/2012
 • Rate applies 2 days before & after event
 • Rate includes a complimentary full hot breakfast buffet in Malone's Grill and Pub with coupon for each guest in room.

100-Point Judging through year 2000 models for 11 Classes:
 A.(1903-'40) B.('41-'49) C.('50 -'60)
 D.('61-'69) E.('70 -'80) F.('81 -2000)
 G.Reattas, H. Rivieras, I. Modified,
 J. Turbo Regals, K. '65-'75 GSs

Vehicle 1

Class _____
 Judged ___ Displayed ___ (check one)
 Yr. _____ model _____
 Body Style _____

Vehicle 2

Class _____
 Judged ___ Displayed ___ (check one)
 Yr. _____ model _____
 Body Style _____

Meet Registration Choices

- **Registration cutoff - Postmarked by 08/13/2012. No registration at the gate.**
 - **Choose at least one registration category. You may choose more than one.**
- Non-BCA participant (Display only - one car) \$30 _____
- Member only (Member and Guest w/o car) \$20 _____
- Judged Car (1st Car, Member and Guest) \$35 _____
- Displayed Car (1st Car, Member and Guest) \$25 _____
- Additional Cars (Judged or Displayed) \$25 _____
- Swap Meet Registration (10' x 20' space minimum) Qty. ___ @ \$25 ea. _____
- Car Corral Registration (Car for sale): Qty. ___ @ \$25 ea. _____

Will you need parking space for a trailer? (Yes/No) _____

Show and Tour Schedule

Thursday Sept. 6 10 AM Meet Registration Opens
 Thursday Sept. 6 7 PM - ? Welcoming Party - Hors d'oeuvres, & beverages at no charge - # attending _____
 Self-Guided Tours:
 Thur.-Sat. Sept. 6-8 10*AM-3*PM Historic St. Charles via hotel shuttle - #attending Thur.____, Fri. _____, Sat. _____
 Friday Sept. 7 9 AM-3* PM Driving Tour to Missouri Botanical Garden -(\$8.00 ea. at entrance, 12 & under free)
 (*) Departure & return times are an estimate # attending _____
 Saturday Sept. 8 9:30 AM 100-point Judging and tabulation begins
 Saturday Sept. 8 1 - 2:30 PM Regional Meeting
 Saturday Sept. 8 6 -7 PM Cocktail Hour - Cash Bar prior to Awards Banquet
 Saturday Sept. 8 7 PM- ? Banquet - Beef Qty.____, Chicken Qty. _____, Fish Qty.____ @ \$26.00 ea. Total \$_____

Got questions???? Contact:

Herb Morris – Show Director
 636-296-9147 reatta90@sbcglobal.net
Bill Landers – Judging, Registration
 636-916-3310 walanders@hotmail.com
Pete Nathan – Hotel, trophies, shirts,
 tours 314-413-2966 phnauto@aol.com
Ed Keil – Hotel, hospitality, tours
 314-837-8248 edkeil@att.net
Chet Palumbo – Show Field 636-398-
 4336 cpalumbo@centurytel.net
Paul Meyer – Swap Meet
 314-291-6770 42buickman@gmail.com
Mary Ann Meyer – Hospitality Room
 314-291-6770 marymeyer42@gmail.com

Reserve-A-Shirt

Purchase a show shirt now. We'll have it for you when you arrive!

White Polo shirts, 50/50 blend w/pocket and valve-in-head logo.
 Sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

\$17.00 S-XL
 \$19.00 XXL, \$21.00 XXXL

Size _____ Qty. _____ Total _____
 Size _____ Qty. _____ Total _____
 Total Order _____

Include a picture of your car, Preferably email the image to: adammbuickpartsdirectory.com

TOTAL AMOUNT

(Include Registration, Banquet and Shirts) \$ _____

Mail this form with your check or money order payable to: St. Louis Gateway Chapter BCA, 2012 to the following address:

William Landers
66 Summit Point Ct.
Saint Charles, MO 63301

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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 \$50 per year, payable to: Buick Club of America, P.O. Box 360775, Columbus, OH 43236-0775.

The Gateway Chapter meets monthly on the THIRD MONDAY of the month. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM 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 or earlier to have dinner before the meeting.

For more information, our local mailing addresses are as follows:

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