



Gateway Gazette

Monthly Newsletter of the St. Louis Chapter
BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA

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Upcoming Events

See Details on Page 4

July 8

Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Monthly Meeting
Sports Café

July 17-20

Saturday, 10:00 a.m.
BCA Nationals
6161 Howdershell Road,
Hazelwood 63042

July 28th

Sunday
Weingarten Car
Cruise/Show
See Page 4 and Paul Meyer

August 3rd

Saturday
Archway Olds Car
Show
See Page 9 and Gene
Bossaller

August 10th

Saturday, 11:00 a.m.
Club BBQ and Monthly
Meeting
Love Park – Mufin Pavilion
2248 Mason Lane, Ballwin,
MO 63021

Member Spotlight- Mike Saputo

(Cub Reporter Joe Horvath Jr.)

This month's

"Member Spotlight" focuses on Mike Saputo. Mike is no stranger to the Buick Club. Mike joined the club in 2008 for one year. As one member stated "He saw the light and came back" and rejoined again this year.



Mike and his huge Electra

Mike currently owns a red 1966 Electra 225 convertible (also known as "The Jayne Mansfield of Cars"). What other car lists its length (in inches) as part of its name? I knew that it was a "BIG BOAT", but not until I looked at the photo of Mike with his car next to a newer vehicle in the picture! Buick hit it on the head with their slogan of the time:

"When Bigger Cars Are Built, Buick Will Build Them"

Mike has been collecting old cars since 1978 and his Electra is by no means his first convertible. He once owned a 1970 Dodge Coronet R/T convertible. This was his favorite car. When asked why it was his favorite car, he said it was rare, unique, and very fast.

Mike's occupation is gardening for people and giving banjo lessons. And, not surprisingly, his hobbies are gardening and playing music.

Mike, we are glad that you decided to come back and hope to see you and your "boat" at future meetings and outings.

FOOTNOTE: Jayne Mansfield lost her life in a car accident forty-six years ago this year on June 28th, 1967, late at night near Biloxi, Mississippi riding in a 1966 Electra 225 sedan driven by a twenty year old. He plowed into the back of a stopped chemical tanker. The since-mandated low bars attached to the back of all trailer trucks designed to prevent such an accident are commonly called Mansfield bars.

Director's Letter

John Lasinski



It seems like here lately that the weather is the gist of my letters. This has been a strange

year for sure and while we have finally hit the heat of summer, it is still raining a lot. Several members and I braved the early morning rain and attended the Hazelwood Baptist Car Show on June 15. It turned out to be a beautiful day and the show was well attended as usual. We passed out all our flyers we had for the upcoming Shriners Benefit Car Show. It looks like we had a lot of interest.

Speaking of the Shriners Benefit Show, plans are progressing well as the date gets nearer. Kristina, Pete, and I met at the show location site and were able to make a diagram layout and determine how many cars we can accommodate. Remember we will need lots of volunteers to help pull this off and make it a success. The Oldsmobile Club has 11 members volunteering to help us with judging and other key needs and in turn, they need our help for a show they are sponsoring in Troy, MO on Aug 3rd.

So far we only have 5 volunteers and we could use more. See Gene, Pete or Myself if you can help out.

Gene is also hosting a BBQ, Saturday June 29th at Creve Coeur Park. Gene will provide the meat. Bring a side dish and wear your best grass skirt as it is a Hawaiian theme.

Don't forget if you want to order a club polo shirt we will be placing the order after our next meeting. Email or call me with you request so we can get them ordered.

Our next meeting is July 8th, Sports Café. We do not have a guest speaker planned, but Ted Becker will bring in some parts he had powdercoated by Les Schneider, our guest speaker from May, to show what a finished product looks like. Hope you can join us!

As always, Happy Motoring!

John

Additions/corrections to the May 2013 minutes:

- Approved as printed in *The Gazette*.

Upcoming Events:

- June 15, Hazelwood Baptist Car Show
 - Free entry and food, for cars 30 years and older, must register online
- June 16, Father's Day Car Show, Museum of Transportation
- June 25, Great Race, Washington, MO
- June 29, Gene Bossaller's BBQ - Hawaiian Theme, Creve Coeur Park, 3:00
 - Bring a side dish, head count requested
- July 8, Regular Monthly Meeting

Treasurer's Report:

- Club Account: **\$3,364.71**
- Shriner Show Account: **\$2,721.20**
- **2013 Dues are due - \$15.00, see Pete**

Meeting Minutes

The June meeting was held at the Sport's Café in Bridgeton, MO on June 10th. 26 members and

guests were in attendance. John introduced and welcomed guest Doug Stahl.

The meeting was opened with **The Pledge of Allegiance** of the United States.

The meeting was facilitated by John Lasinski, Director.

Members Ill:

- None reported

Anniversaries:

Paul and Mary Ann Meyer are celebrating their 50th – Congratulations!!!

Old Business:

- Club Logo Magnets, four left, \$15.00 each

New Business:

- Requests sent to other clubs for donations for Shriner's Show
- Club Shirt Order – see John for colors and sizes

Performance Division:

Kristina Richards reported:

- Kristina gave us an update on her "Long Haul" Hot Rod Power Tour Trip. Overall it was totally awesome experience other than dealing with the GN brakes. Short version; power brakes not working, drove on manual brakes from Chattanooga to Charlotte; took eight hours driving through the night, to join back up with the power tour in the morning. Thanks to a ride with friends and the generosity of Passport Transport, Kristina and her GN returned safely to St. Louis.

Modified News:

Pete Nathan reported:

- June 20-23, BSRA 2013 National Meet, Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park, Paducah, KY

Regional News:

- Chicagoland Region planning a Cruise Night in Chicago, with driving tour to the National event.
- Annual Heartland Regional Meeting July 16-18th
- Register as soon as possible for Regional

National News:

- 2013 BCA National Meet, South Bend, IN, July 17-20th

Announcements:

- **Shriner's Show, September 22, 2013** (Kristina Richards)
 - All cars welcome; Entry Fee: \$15 Judged, \$10 Non-judged
 - HELP WANTED - PLEASE
 - Anyone with connections for raffle items, donations, goody bags, please ask for donations
 - Helpers needed for the day of the car show
 - Advertising – help pass out flyers and give us ideas where we can advertise.
- Doug Stahl announcement - June 16, Father's Day Car Show, Kimmswick, MO
- Gene Bossaller's – announcements - July 14, St. Charles Lions Club, 19th Annual Car/Truck/Motorcycle Show and Swap meet
 - Benefit BackStoppers, McNair Park
- August 3rd, Memories on Main Street, Troy, Mo (Archway Olds Club)
 - Gene is looking for workers to help with event
- **For Sale:** 1956 Buick Century, purchased from club member Fred Weber in 1992.
 - Car has had all body damage repaired, entire care repainted, red with white cove and roof.
 - Interior is red and black.
 - Asking \$13,000 Contact Gary Bingaman (618) 781-8330
- **For Sale:** Bill Wester's Miata, if interested please contact Maggie.

50/50 Drawing: Bill Landers \$23.00

Next Regular Meeting:

- June 10th @ the Sports Café in Bridgeton, Dinner at 6:30pm, Meeting at 7:30pm.



**** If you would like to help with the Shriners event please let Kristina Richards know. Her email is: n2explorin@yahoo.com**

Regular Monthly Meeting – Monday July 8th 7:30 p.m.

Meeting is at **Sports Café** 3579 Pennridge Dr., Bridgeton, MO 63044

To reach the Sports Café, take I-70 or I-270 to West on St. Charles Rock Road at I-270. After one block, turn left at the traffic light onto Boenker Rd., then after one block turn left onto Pennridge Dr. The restaurant is on the right. Plan to arrive by 6:30 and enjoy dinner prior to the 7:30 meeting.

******* Ted Becker will bring in some parts he had powdercoated by Les Schneider, our guest speaker from May *******

Annual Heartland Regional – Tinley Park Illinois July 16th – July 18th

See the April Gazette for official forms and information.

For questions about the 2013 Heartland Regional Meeting contact Jeff Heilman, (847) 809-6909 or Don Adams, (708) 535-3044.

Buick Nationals – South Bend Indiana July 17th – July 20th

Great opportunity to cruise over with other club members.

<http://buickclub.org/2013>

Weingarten Car Cruise/Car Show July 28th

From Paul Meyer, if you have questions you can contact him at 42buickman@gmail.com

Joe, I talked with my brother down at Weingarten about the parking at the picnic. He said they could set us up at a nice paved place, right next to the old school building. The picnic is **July 28th**, and the big things are the dinner, liver dumplin's, kettle beef, fried chicken, and all the vegetables and deserts, and the antique tractor display with threshing, baling straw, all sorts of old displays. They have probably 35 or 40 old tractors. I can get dinner tickets for all that want to go and eat, they eat by ticket number, usually about 2500 people eat. Last year Aaron and Rhonda went, I got tickets for them, single digits. It pays to know someone. Contact Paul so he can get an accurate count. There is also bingo, live country music, beer, burgers, poker and all the other stuff.

Archway Olds Club Car Show – Troy MO August 3rd (see flyer insert for more information)

Buick Club BBQ/ Meeting at Love Park (Muffin Pavilion) – August 10th 11:00 a.m.

Club will provide meat, Members should bring a side dish or dessert Address: 2248 Mason Lane, Ballwin, MO 63021

St. Louis Car Museum Tour – August 24th 10:00 a.m.

Great display of a wide variety of classic cars & trucks Address: 1575 Woodson Road, St. Louis MO 63114

July 2013

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

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

*******Please send me your latest vehicles so I can add them to the birthday's list*******



Monthly Meeting and Live Demonstration By Ted Becker

(Photos by Editor)

On June 10th, we had our monthly meeting at Sports Café. This month we were treated with a demonstration by Ted Becker on making spark plug wires to fit your car from a Universal Set. It was very informative and great to see live. Heck Ted even brought in his own vice! Thanks once again for a great presentation Ted!





1956 Buick Century

Purchased from club member Fred Weber in 1992.

Car has had all body damage repaired, entire care repainted, red with white cove and roof.

Interior is red and black.

Asking \$13,000 Contact **Gary Bingaman (618) 781-8330**

Variety of Car Parts and Mower Parts

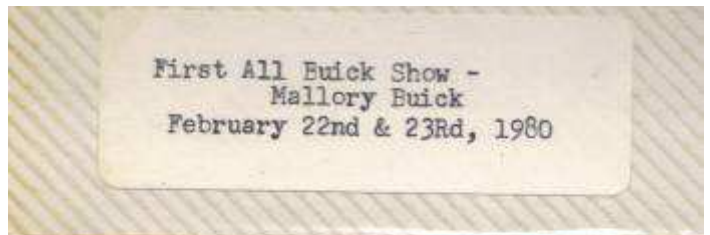
Bob has a variety of car parts, engines etc. and mower parts, engines, snow blowers, etc. he is looking to get rid of.

Call **Bob Windal, 314-518-9636** to see what he has.

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.

Call **Paul Meyer, 314-574-9853**, ASAP for the Rivi parts you need.



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ALL CARS RECEIVE GOODIE BAG !!



*All Proceeds Benefit
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**SUNDAY,
SEPT. 22, 2013**

9 a.m. — 4 p.m. Rain or Shine !

ALL CARS WELCOME !

- Attendance Prizes !
- 50/50 Raffle !
- BIG Raffle ITEMS !
- Entertainment !
- Judged Show - Trophies

Classes listed on back

MOOLAH SHRINERS CENTER
12545 Fee Fee Road, 63146

*Let's Show These Kids
WE CARE!!*

Driving Our Cars, So Children Can Walk

Judging Classes:

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. 1900 - 1938 | 8. Custom 1949 - 1968 |
| 2. 1939 - 1953 | 9. Custom Cars 1969 - Now |
| 3. 1954 - 1966 | 10. All Trucks |
| 4. 1967- 1972 | 11. Foreign Cars 1900 - 1968 |
| 5. 1973 - 1988 | 12. Foreign Cars 1969 - Now |
| 6. 1989 - Present | 13. All Motorcycles |
| 7. Street Rods | 14. Best of Show |

Schedule:

12:00 - Registration Closes

1:00 - Judging

Attendance Prices & Entertainment

3:00 - Raffle & 50/50 Drawings

Throughout the Day

4:00 - Awards Ceremony

For donations and vendor spaces please contact
Gateway Buick at gatewaybuick@yahoo.com or call Pete at 314-413-2966

Thanks for helping us make this show a success !!

Shriners Show Volunteers and donations are needed

Members / Volunteers needed for Shriners Show:

- Set Up workers (need to arrive early)
- Greeters; entrance, two people:
 - one to take money and
 - one to hand out goodie bags and registration forms
- Direct traffic; 2-4 people
- registration table, 4 people
- Judges (Possibly Olds Club)
- raffle items table, 2-3 people
- Snow Cone booth volunteers
- 50/50 sales people

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FIREBALL ALL BUICK SHOW

Saturday September 14, 2013

23rd ANNUAL SHOW CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE *BUICK RIVIERA*

Hosted by

**Fireball Chapter, Buick Club of America and
*Stillwater Motors, Stillwater, Minnesota***

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1922 Buick in front of a mural of the original dealership location in downtown Stillwater and the historic Stillwater bridge in the left background.

**FREE T-SHIRT FOR EACH CAR REGISTERED.
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FOR LUNCH OR ANTIQUE SHOPPING**

**Participant voting by class for first and second place trophies
Trophies also presented for best of show and longest distance**

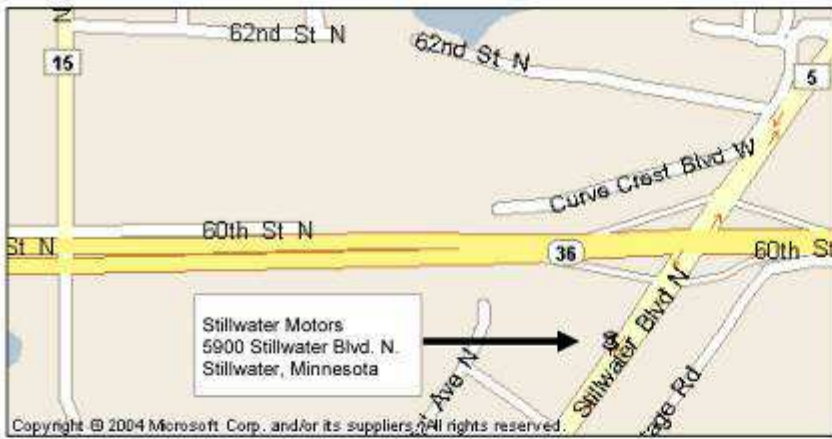


**9 am to 3:30 pm at Stillwater Motors
Awards presented at 3:30 pm. Must
be present to accept trophy.
Social hour and dinner following the
show at 4:00 p.m.**

For additional information contact:
Rolland Toenges, phone 952-938-6200
or e-mail rptoenges@aol.com



Registration form and map to the show on the back.



Directions To Show

Stillwater Motors is located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Hwy 36 and Stillwater Blvd (County 5) as you enter Stillwater on Hwy 36. Either HWY 36 or CTY 5 can be accessed from I-94 in Oakdale. I-494 becomes I-694 at I-94 in Woodbury.

Coming on CTY 5 through Lake Elmo, turn left at 59th Street (Stoplight - Opposite Stillwater Senior High), then make a right-hand turn into Stillwater Motors.

Coming on HWY 36, exit on Stillwater Blvd (CTY 5) at the overpass - Stillwater Motors will be located on your right - make two righthand turns into the dealership.

A SOCIAL HOUR AND DINNER AT 4:00 PM IS PLANNED FOR ALL PERSONS INTERESTED.

Immediately following the awards presentations we will convoy to a local restaurant to socialize, relax and have excellent food. Please RSVP with the number of people attending so we can ensure the restaurant is properly staffed. Directions to the restaurant will be provided at the show.

Registration Form

23th Annual All Buick Car Show - Saturday, September 14, 2013 - Stillwater, MN

Advance Registration Must Be Postmarked by September 10, 2013

*After September 10, 2013 and the day of show - First Car \$12 BCA member, \$15 Non BCA member
Second Car \$10 BCA member and Non BCA member, third and up free*

Name _____ Phone _____ BCA # _____ Not BCA member

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(@)
BCA Non BCA

Car #1 Year _____ Model _____ Model # _____ Modified (Y/N) _____ \$ 10.00 \$12.00

Car #2 Year _____ Model _____ Model # _____ Modified (Y/N) _____ \$ 8.00 \$8.00

Car #3 Year _____ Model _____ Model # _____ Modified (Y/N) _____ \$ FREE FREE

Total Show Cars: _____ \$ _____

Total Cars For Sale: _____ @\$20.00 ea \$ _____

Check Enclosed, make payable to: Fireball Chapter, BCA TOTAL \$ _____

(@) The cost difference is for one day membership in the BCA during the show for insurance purposes.

Yes, we plan to attend the after show dinner. Number of people:

Mail To: Carol Farmer
3488 Edmonson Avenue S.E.
Delano, Minnesota 55328-5239

**No Refunds for Registrations after
September 10, 2012**

The *GATEWAY GAZETTE* is a monthly newsletter, free to paid members of the St. Louis Gateway Chapter of the Buick Club of America. Articles, technical information, For Sale and Want Ads, photos, restoration sagas and coming events are welcomed, but must be submitted by the first Monday of the month to assure inclusion in the next issue.

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 **SECOND 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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