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Member Spotlight



Spotlight on Jeff Watkins



This month's "Member Spotlight" focuses on Jeffery Watkins. He currently owns a 1966 Buick LeSabre 2-door, a 1965 Checker wagon and 1976 Ford Granada. When asked which was his favorite car of all times, Jeff said it had to be his 1959 Buick Electra that he

drove for several years until it was wrecked. When asked why, he said he just liked the way it drove.

Jeff has been in the old car hobby for at least 35 years and joined the Gateway Chapter BCA in 1978 as a charter member. Without counting it up on your fingers, that's 30 years! Same age as our club this year – nice going Jeff. Jeffery has served as club director for four years and is an active member. He is currently serving on the board of directors for the club. There are just a handful of charter members still around and Jeff is the only one still a member of our BCA Chapter.

Jeff's hobbies include collecting toy cars and car literature. Jeff has in years past had a display of toy Buicks at our Sinclair Buick car shows. Also, he plans to have a display of toy Buick cars at the all Buick Car Show at the Museum of Transportation on June 29.

Jeff currently is a floor tech for Schnucks Grocery Stores (you will have to ask him what that means), but for the past 30 years he has been a truck driver making local deliveries. Thanks, Jeff, for being such a long-standing and loyal member of our club.

Contributed by Steve Dodson

Next Meeting – July 3
FENTON BAR & GRILL, 701 RUDDER ROAD

Director's Message

I have a request of all members – if you have not seen someone in a while, give them a call and invite them to an activity. If you need transport or know someone who does, contact me. There are plenty of folks who would be happy to give you a lift to an event.

Also if you have NOT PAID YOUR DUES, please do so now. They are overdue and I need to report a head count to the national. Also, we are in the midst of putting together a new roster, and if you want to be included, please get your dues in. When you send in or pay your dues, please pass along any updates for the roster.

The Behlmann show was well attended and Pete Nathan and Paul Meyer received trophies. Bobby's Custard, as always, was great with good food and a great time with the AACA folks.

Just this last Sunday (June 22), we were to go on a cruise to southern Illinois. Well, once again, the weather and a closed road convinced our trip leader to cancel. A few of us wanted to do something, so we headed down to Ste. Genevieve. Aaron Ford led the way riding shotgun in Mike Marx's '30. Herb and Sharon brought up the rear of the group in their blue Reatta. Barb and I with our '55 were in the middle.

We had lunch at the Old Brick House in Ste. Genevieve. It is the oldest brick structure west of the Mississippi. After a delicious buffet lunch, we toured past the site of the old junkyard that has been gone for several years. We then hit a couple of antique shops and finally finished the day with a bottle of elderberry wine from the Ste. Genevieve Winery. The weather cleared off and stayed clear all the way home.

Now, on to The Museum of Transportation on June 29. I hope everyone makes it! Show hours are from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. We can always use some help!

Next month is the BCA National Show in Flint. Check it out. It sounds like you will be missing a good time if you skip it!

Last, if you haven't gotten a 30-year anniversary dash, plaque ask me and I'll give you one.

Happy Buicking!!!

Bob

Meeting Minutes, June 5, 2008

Location: The June 2008 meeting was held on Thursday, June 5, at Fenton Bar & Grill. Roughly, 30 members and no guests attended.

The Club meeting was facilitated by Bob Brasses, Director.

Minutes from the May 2008 meeting were accepted as printed in the *Gateway Gazette*.

Pete Nathan was present to give the Treasurer's Report.

Past Events

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| May 3 | Sinclair Buick Show |
| May 10 | Collector Car Auction, 10:00 a.m. |
| May 30 - June 1 | Olds Show at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Lake of the Ozarks |

Upcoming Events

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| June 7 | Behlmann Show with Pontiac Club |
| June 7 | Bobby's Custard |
| June 14 | Father's Day Car Show, Hazelwood Baptist Church |
| June 22 | Lunch/dinner trip to Maystown, IL. Trip will be rescheduled. Jeff Watkins planning event. |
| June 29 | Museum of Transportation Show Arrive by a.m. |
| July 12-16 | Pre-tour to Flint, MI. See Pete Nathan. |
| July 16-20 | National Buick Show – Flint, MI |
| Aug. 1-3 | BPG Horsepower Nationals – Hebron, OH |
| Aug. 21-24 | Heartland Regional Show – Topeka, KS |
| Aug 24 | Champagne Urbana Show |

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Meeting Minutes, June 5, 2008 (continued)

Upcoming Events (continued)

- Sept. 7 Wheels in Motion Show – Westport Plaza
- Sept. 14 Wagner Buick Show
- Oct. 2 Meeting at Shriners' Hospital
- Oct. 5? Kunz Plantation
- Oct. 18 Crowne Valley Winery Tour

Old Business

None.

New Business

"Member of the Year Award" in honor of John Waltz

Next Regular Meeting:

July 3 – Fenton Bar & Grill at 7:30 p.m.

Culus won the 50-50 drawing of \$17

Display at Bobby's Custard

What a great evening it turned out to be after a stormy previous night. It was a little warm at first, but as the evening approached, there was a nice breeze blowing and enough shade for everyone.

Most members gathered at the Red Apple Restaurant for dinner at 6 p.m., then moved next door for some delicious Bobby's frozen custard. After the music began, the place started filling up with lots of nice cars and people everywhere. Some people actually did some dancing, while others just tapped their toes.

We had 10 Buicks and 10 non-Buicks on display in front of Bobby's. It was a very impressive display of cars and one pickup truck. This is the second year we invited the Gateway City Car Club (AACA) group to join us and both clubs seemed to enjoy the good company.

Bobby, the owner, was impressed with our group and was glad to host us for the eighth year and is looking forward to next year already.



Contributed by Steve Dodson

| <u>2008 Calendar</u> | | |
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| July | | |
| 3 | 7:30 pm | Regular Monthly Meeting |
| 14-16 | | Pre-National Tour |
| 16-20 | | BCA National Show, Flint, MI |
| August | | |
| 1-3 | | BPG Horsepower Nationals, Hebron, OH |
| 7 | 7:30 pm | Regular Monthly Meeting |
| 21-24 | | Heartland Regional Show, Topeka, KS |
| 24 | | Champagne-Urbana Show |
| September | | |
| 4 | 7:30 pm | Regular Monthly Meeting |
| 7? | 10:00 am | Wheels In Motion Show West Port Plaza |
| September (continued) | | |
| 14 | 11:00 am | Wagner Show, Belleville, IL |
| 28 | ?? | St. Charles Octoberfest |
| October | | |
| 2 | ?? | Meeting at Shriner's Hospital |
| 4 | ?? | Picnic and Meeting at Kunz Plantation |
| 18 | ?? | Cruise to Crowne Winery |
| November | | |
| 6 | 7:30 pm | Regular Monthly Meeting |
| December | | |
| 7? | 3:00 pm | Holiday Party and Meeting |

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ITEMS FOR SALE:

1. Plymouth car radio (MOPAR) original AM, 6 volts - \$10.
2. Mustang full-wheel covers, set of four, 14 inch, good condition - \$20.
3. 1938 set (2) MO license plates (restored), beautiful. Cost \$100, sell for \$50.
4. Set of four after-market rally wheels, 14 inch, 5-hole stainless steel, beautiful, with set of four full-wheel covers (like new). Each wheel cost over \$200. Everything for \$100 (firm)

Contact Dave Smith, 314-895-3416 (home) or 314-550-5853 (cell)

Editor's Note: Many thanks to Steve Dodson for his continued contributions. Without his input, the Gazette would have little content. If you attend a club event, send some pictures and a couple of paragraphs of text. All submissions are normally due by the last Thursday of the month; however, since our August meeting is on the 7th, input for the July edition is due by July 24.

Gateway Chapter Annual Balance Sheet-- Pete Nathan, Treasurer

Balance Sheet May 2007-April 2008

REVENUE

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| 50-50 | \$260.00 |
| Dues | \$990.00 |
| Belt Buckles | \$573.00 |
| Easter show | \$270.00 |
| Sinclair Buick | \$150.00 |
| Wagner Buick | \$100.00 |
| J.carrington, inc. cars at parade | \$100.00 |
| Regional/national Meet | |
| donated parts | \$35.00 |
| Cristmas Dinner (\$5.00/person) | \$175.00 |
| sno-cone sales | \$39.00 |

Total Revenue \$2,692.00

EXPENSES

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|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Ed Keil (lunch at the plantation) | \$79.76 |
| Newsletter | \$1,004.93 |
| wheels in motion | \$100.00 |
| HCCM (easter show) | \$285.00 |
| Food for oil change | \$61.67 |
| Barb Brasses -- ladies luncheon | \$172.53 |
| Christmas presents-B.Brasses | \$64.40 |
| Badges (Ed Keil) | \$21.00 |
| Cristmas Dinner | \$556.63 |
| Hoover's Manufacturing (buckles) | \$395.00 |
| Waltman Trophy (Steve Dodson) | \$146.25 |
| belt buckle supplies | \$72.30 |

Total Expenses \$2,959.47

Revenue less Expenses - \$267.47

Year End Balances

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|--------------------------|------------|
| Year end CD balance | |
| 1 year deposit \$2825.97 | \$2,825.97 |

Total year end balances \$2,558.50

BUICK for Sale

1966 Buick Electra 225, 2-door HT, full power options: windows, brakes, steering, antenna, seat, and spot light. A/C, not cold. Still all original inside and out, no prior body work.

One--owner car, 76,000 miles, located in Springfield, MO. Asking \$5,000. OBO. Terry White, 417-766-4568 or email terry at white@mchsi.com



Keep Helene McDonough, wife of Dennis McDonough in your thoughts and prayers. She has had a thyroidectomy and cancer. She also suffered side effects from the treatment.

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 next-to-last Thursday 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 \$35 per year, payable to: Buick Club of America, P.O. Box 360775, Columbus, OH 43236-0775.

The Gateway Chapter meets monthly on the FIRST THURSDAY of the month. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM and guests are welcome to attend. During the summer months, June through October, we meet at Chuck-A-Burger Drive-in, 9025 St. Charles Rock Road, just west of I-170. During the winter months, November through April, we move indoors at various restaurants around St. Louis.

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