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MEMBER PROFILE - JOHN PEGG

(This is a member profile that I should have done years ago. John has been a regular and contributing chapter member for years. Hopefully this profile will assist you in finding things in common with John. Editor)

If you have been to many of our chapter car shows or to meetings north of I-64 you've seen John Pegg and you've seen Timmy, John's grandson now 11 years old who has been coming to our events for years. John has displayed quite a few Buicks at different local, regional and national shows, with mostly

1966 to 1970 models but I am only familiar with two that he shows now: a '66 Wildcat 2-dr HT, Shadow Turquoise (a Buick special order paint) that has been a National Senior winning car since 1997, and the 1970 Dark Chestnut Electra 225 2-dr HT (shown below) that he took to the Rochester, Minnesota, National last summer and which was awarded a silver. I'm sure it will go gold next show. John has several 1966 Buicks, some running and some parts cars and he won't mind being your 1966 Buick technical advisor.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 1st	7:30 PM	Monthly Meeting at C J Muggs
March 10th	10:30 AM	Special exhibit at the History Museum
		Lunch at Meriwethers
March 31st	10:00 AM	Oil Change at Spectra Paint
March 31st	11:00 AM	Ladies' Luncheon

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Hi, Everyone.

With the weather finally starting to warm up a bit it is time to get the Buicks out and enjoy the nice days. I have my cars close at home and even when it was below 10 degrees I couldn't resist the temptation to fire them up. Both started with no problems; I didn't even have to charge a battery! When Buick built them they did it RIGHT!

We have several events coming up pretty quick. The trip to the Missouri History Museum and the Easter display are right around the corner. I've been told the exhibit "*Shifting Gears: The Automobile Industry in St. Louis, 1890—1930*" is a must see. We have a guided tour scheduled. (See the flyer on page 5.) The HCCM Easter Show is a great event and we have had strong participation in past years. I'm sure we are all looking forward to a great time.

Recently we were invited by the Archway Olds club to join them for lunch and a trip to Hyman Ltd. We all had a grand time. The Hyman Ltd. facility was quite interesting and there were lots of cars to see. (See page 4.) There were quite a few Buicks for sale for those with deeper pockets than mine.

Hope all have survived the cold winter weather. I look forward to seeing you and your Buick at many of the upcoming events.

Happy Buicking... ☺

Bob Brasses, Director
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CAR CLUBS AND CHARITIES Contributed by Pete Nathan

As many of the Gateway Buick club members are aware, our club is devoted to the car enthusiast. Of equal importance to me, it is also devoted to giving to charity. Twice in 2005 and 2006 money was collected through sno-cone sales with 100% given to charity. In addition, for various other reasons members have donated money to charity with the club often matching the amount. There are thousands of charities, most having good causes. Unofficially, the Gateway Buick Chapter has adopted Wings of Hope. For some it is very easy just to write a check, while for others this can cause a hardship.

Have we lost sight of true giving? Many of these charities can also use volunteers. How many of us ever devote personal time to the charities of which we think so highly? Wings of Hope has very few paid staff members. They do have many volunteers who have performed aircraft maintenance most of their working lives. However, they can use volunteers in many other capacities. Semi-retired or retired members, could you spend eight hours each week in office positions such as purchasing? Those of us who are still working could donate a Saturday to assist on flights. Many flights transport stable patients but require someone on board just to keep the patient calm. Or you could help wash a plane. Moreover, in the spring Wings of Hope is moving their offices and they will need help with the moving process. Perhaps even our children could assist in moving some of the heavier items.

If you want to help your favorite charity, do not lose sight of what it really means to give. Give from your heart, your personal time, not JUST from your check-book. Often it is more meaningful to give yourself rather than your money.



46th Annual "Concours d'Elegance" Automobile Show

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 8, 2007
FOREST PARK - ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Registration information:

\$15 per car

Make checks payable to Gateway Buick Chapter.

Bring to the March 1 meeting or mail to:

Pete Nathan

#1 Huntleigh Trails Lane

St. Louis, MO 63131

Don't delay. Register with your club by getting your money to Pete by March 10th.

Pete also suggests that if you are registering for the Easter Show you might just add another \$15 on the same check to renew your chapter membership.

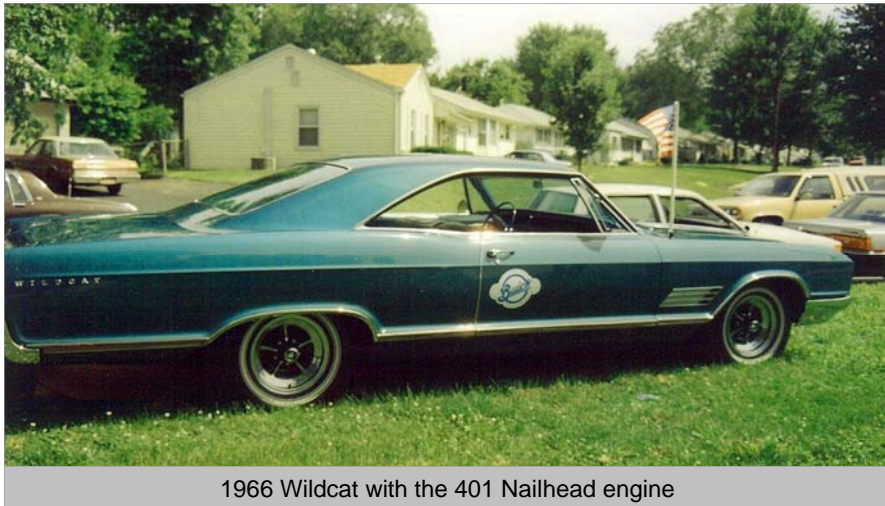
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John's first new car was a '50 Buick Special that he ordered after returning from the Navy. He worked in the moving business for a short time, but we all know him as a St. Louis County police officer who retired a year ago. Make his acquaintance and you'll find he is a really great guy. But back to cars, John has owned a bunch of Buicks. He listed off years of 1953, 1955, and 1960 as well as a bunch in the 1966 to 1970 model years. John prefers unmodified Buicks, but I'm bugging him to get into the 21st century and broaden his Buick passion.

The '66 Wildcat and the '70 Electra are driven to shows but can compete with trailer queens. John puts many hours into detailing and is a stickler for the correctness of his Buicks. He has had both cars repainted with care to maintain the original color. He is the second owner of each of these. The fully optioned '70 Electra 225, originally a New Mexico car, has only 67,XXX miles on it. The drive train includes the 4 barrel 455 cubic inch engine and even a limited slip differential.

John bought the 1966 Wildcat (originally owned by a Mallory Buick parts man) in 1992 with about 90,000 miles and he has put another 30,000 plus on it.



1966 Wildcat with the 401 Nailhead engine



1970 Electra 225 with a very strong 455 engine

There is a reason for the missing emblem on the front of the '70 Electra 225. John keeps it in the glove compartment most of the time. The emblem is plastic and on the leading edge of the car and finding a replacement if this one should be stolen or broken would be almost impossible.



AN ARCHWAY OLDS CLUB ORGANIZED EVENT FEBRUARY 17, 2007



It was nice to go to an event organized by the Archway Olds club. Sometimes I feel like we don't have enough Buick members at our events to justify the effort of organizing. But with the Olds club, our club, and a couple Chevy clubs, there was a nice turnout. Hyman had Delahays and other expensive exotic cars as I expected based on the Hyman Ltd. reputation. But it seemed that every 100 paces or so I found another Buick. There were at least ten of them. Most had been restored at some time toward original condition. The red '34 roadster, in the row below right, was listed as a custom. (I would call it a resto-rod.) The custom work maintained pure Buick lines and character. Car prices were high since much of the business goes to foreign purchases but "just looking" is still lots of fun.



SPECIAL EXHIBIT AT THE MISSOURI HISTORY MUSEUM FOREST PARK - SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2007 at 10:30 AM

Shifting Gears: The Automobile Industry in St. Louis, 1890-1930

Exhibit admission: Free

Lunch: Reserved seating, pay your own bill.

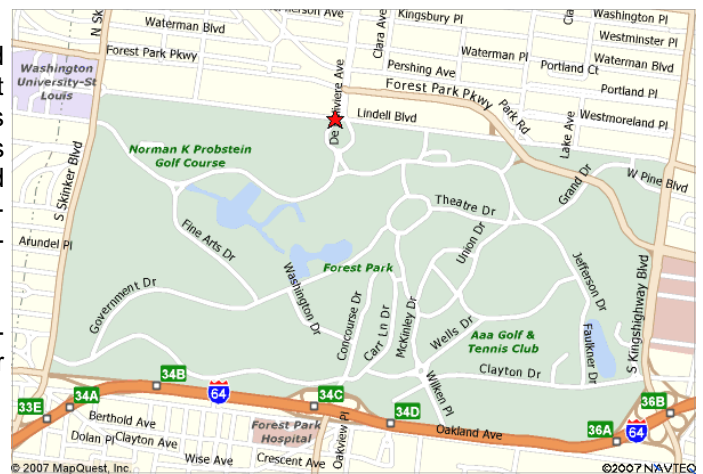
We will gather at the admissions area. Our arrangements include having a docent to lead us through the exhibit beginning at 10:30 AM. After the exhibit we will go to Meriwethers restaurant in the same facility where we have reservations at noon. This nice restaurant was selected last year for the ladies' luncheon and they were pleased with it.

This exhibit, organized by the Missouri Historical Society, has been on display since mid-October and continues until April 1st.

Description: In 1893, St. Louisans glimpsed the first "horseless carriage" on the streets of their city. Hoping to cash in on a growing industry, eager entrepreneurs quickly formed several automobile companies. Some companies lasted a short time and produced only a handful of cars, while others lasted for years and manufactured thousands of cars.

Before the Stock Market crash of 1929, St. Louis was second only to Detroit in automobile manufacturing, and this exhibit recalls those heady days when thousands of gleaming cars rolled off St. Louis production lines, cars such as the St. Louis Gasoline Motor Carriage, Success, Dorris, Gardner and Moon. The exhibit also features more than 70 artifacts, including photographs, documents, early car manuals, advertisements and driving attire.

The museum is located at the intersection of Lindell Boulevard and DeBaliviere in Forest Park. For more information or details, call (314) 746-4599 or visit www.mohistory.org.



MARCH 1st - GATEWAY CHAPTER MEETING

C J Muggs Restaurant

101 W. Lockwood, Webster Groves

Our regular first Thursday monthly meeting will be at C J Muggs restaurant in Webster Groves. We will again use the private dining area downstairs. Come early, get something to eat and visit with your fellow club members before the meeting starts at 7:30.

Don't forget your nametag!

