

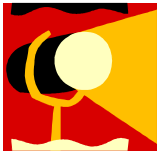
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Member Spotlight



Spotlight on Ed Lanfer



This month's "Member Spotlight" focuses on Ed Lanfer. Ed likes just about anything that rolls on four wheels. He currently owns a 1962 Buick Skylark hard top, a 1965 Dodge Dart convertible, 1975 Olds Delta Convertible, 1975 Plymouth Sport Fury wagon, 1977 AMC Pacer wagon, 1978 Gremlin X, 1978 Dodge Aspen coupe, 1983 AMC Concord 4 dr. and a 1968 Buick Electra. Some are on the road and some are just waiting their turn. Ed started collecting old cars in 1970 when he bought his first, and the rest (as they say) is history.

When asked which car was his favorite of all times, he said it would have to be his 1968 Buick Electra. The reason he likes this car is the way it drives and the condition of the beautiful interior.

Ed joined the Gateway Chapter and BCA in 1992 and held the office of Asst. Director for two years, when Jeff Watkins was Director.

Some of Ed's other hobbies include sports trivia material, sports memorabilia and auto literature. He is also a fan of bowling.

In his work life, Ed is a consultant to Federal-Mogol. He has worked for "Moog" as an employee and consultant for the past 40 years. Federal-Mogol supplies after market auto parts.

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Upcoming Events

Next Meeting, Thursday, March 5th

Syberg's Westport, 2430 Old Dorsett Road (At I-270), 7:30 pm

Horseless Carriage Club Easter Show, Sunday, April 12th

\$15 Entry Fee to Pete Nathan No Later Than March 24th

Director's Message

Hi All,

Well, winter is starting to recede and it's about time for the cars to come out of hibernation. I try to get my '55 and '70 out a few times in the winter.

The Easter show is around the corner, so let's get them going for 2009. Mark your calendars for the annual oil change and ladies' luncheon on April 4 (luncheon location needs to be determined). The oil change is at Paul Meyer's (Spectra Painting) and is always a great time. For those new to the event, bring your car and change your oil if you wish (bring your own oil, filter and containers for the used oil and filter). Paul has a lift which makes life a bit easier, and it's also a good chance to check out the underside of your beauty.

This year, the Easter Show in Forest Park is a bit later and hopefully that means a bit warmer! If you haven't done so, get Pete Nathan your 15 dollar registration! This is a good day – lots of great cars to see and friends to catch up with.

Also, Mike Beffa has said he wants to have the Hank Degleman show on April 26 and will be making a donation to the American Diabetes Association. He will change a small registration fee this year and food will be provided to the car owners. All clubs are welcome and encouraged to come. I should have more details at the next meeting.

Thanks to Pete our next meeting should be in a larger room. Everyone seemed to like the food but the room was a bit small. So if you haven't made it to a meeting, grab your co-driver and give Syberg's a try!

Happy Buicking!

Bob

Meeting Minutes, February 5, 2009

The February 2009 meeting was held on Thursday, February 5, at Syberg's Westport. We had a good turnout with 30 people attending, including a new member Tim Hanneman.

Meeting Minutes, February 5, 2009 (Cont.)

The Club meeting was facilitated by Bob Brasses, Director.

The minutes of the January 2009 meeting were approved as printed in the Gazette.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Pete Nathan and was accepted.

Upcoming Events:

Mar 1 Freedom Masonic Temple Luncheon, 1:30
Mar 5 Regular Monthly Meeting, Syberg's, 7:30
Mar 29 Swap Meet, sponsored by Chicagoland Chapter

Apr 2 Regular Monthly Meeting, Syberg's, 7:30
Apr 3 Fenton Cruise, Life Science Christian Church

Apr 4 Oil Change/Ladies Luncheon
Apr 12 Easter Car Show, Forest Park \$15
Apr 25 Buick Performance Club Dyno Day
Apr 26 Beffa's Car Show (Waiting to hear from Mike on time)

May 2 Sinclair Buick Car Show

June 28 Buick Car Show, M.O.T.

Sept 12 Wagner All GM Car Show

Canceled: Hooters/Hyman Lunch Tour

Old Business

Have sold 90 belt buckles to date. There are no blue left. Will order 50 additional blue belt buckles.

New Business

Anyone know the whereabouts of a '38 Buick Century?

Next Regular Meeting:

Mar 5 Syberg's at Dorsett and I-270, 7:30

Meeting Minutes, February 5, 2009 (Cont.)

Members III

Marv Randolph passed away Jan. 22, 2009.
Carl Schmiehausens's mother passed away.

Miscellaneous

Buick Performance Club Meeting at Helen Fitzgeralds, Sunday, February 8.

Buick Performance Club Dyno Day, April 25th.

Adam's Centurion is on the road again – horsepower 470, torque 530 ft/lbs.

50/50 Drawing was won by Ed Keil.

Spotlight on Ed Lanfer (Cont.)

Ed has two children, one boy and one girl, and two grandchildren.

Ed belongs to several local and national car clubs including Gateway AMC Car Club, AMO Club (American Motors Owners), Plymouth Owners Club, Lincoln Land Plymouth Club and our own Gateway Chapter BCA.

Contributed by Steve Dodson

March Birthdays

Helen Becker
Tim Hanneman
Bill Landers
Avis Meyer
Mary Ann Meyer

No March anniversaries on file

Editor's Note: The list of birthdays and anniversaries has been resurrected, but is not up to date. I hope to fill in the missing information ASAP.

Belt Buckles

Blue belt buckles are back in stock. Our ad in the Bugle will be updated to indicate both blue and red are available. Club members see Bill Landers for a special members only price.

Thanks

Thanks to Sharon Morris for rescuing me. I was stuck with some formatting problems in this issue which I couldn't solve, but Sharon fixed them for me.

Editor

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2009 Calendar

March

5 Regular Monthly Meeting - Sybergs

April

2 Regular Monthly Meeting - Sybergs
 3 Fenton Cruise - Life Science Church
 4 Oil Change/Ladies Luncheon
 12 Easter Car Show - Forest Park
 26 Beffa's Show

May

2 Sinclair Buick Show
 7 Regular Monthly Meeting - Fenton Bar & Grill
 8 Fenton Cruise - Life Science Church

June

4 Regular Monthly Meeting - Fenton Bar & Grill
 5 Fenton Cruise - Life Science Church
 6?? Bobby's Custard Cruise??
 7 Olds Club Tan Tar A Show
 28 Museum Of Transportation Show
 ? St. Genevieve Overnight Tour

July

1-5 National Meet - Colorado Springs, CO
 3 Fenton Cruise - Life Science Church
 9 Regular Monthly Meeting - Fenton Bar & Grill
 12 Lion's Club Show - McNair Park

August

6 Regular Monthly Meeting - Fenton Bar & Grill
 7 Fenton Cruise - Life Science Church
 13-16 BCA Heartland Regional Show, Appleton, WI
 29 Skyview Drive-In

September

3 Regular Monthly Meeting - Fenton Bar & Grill
 4 Fenton Cruise - Life Science Church
 6 Wheels In Motion - Wesport Plaza
 12 Wagner Buick Show
 26,27 Route 66 Festival - Springfield, IL

October

1 Regular Monthly Meeting - ?
 2 Fenton Cruise - Life Science Church
 4? St. Charles Octoberfest Show

November

5 Regular Monthly Meeting - ?
 7 Fall Oil Change

A Letter From Old Cars Weekly

Contributed by Bill Bicknell

I am writing in regards to the recent article entitled "Punks and Geezers" in the bonus issue of *Old Cars Weekly*. I am 19 years old and for a brief time, owned a 1959 Edsel. It was a driver and had its share of flaws. However, at the few cruise-ins and local shows I took it to, all anybody could ever do was find every flaw and not see the fact that that someone young had taken an interest in the hobby. If you want the younger generation in the hobby, you need to get people to understand that the average teenager or 20-something does not have the means to do a concours restoration.

The other major issue that I see is that everyone is interested in the monetary value, not the fun or the "go out and drive it" value of a vehicle. Yes,

there will always be the prestige automobiles, however, why should the price of a Ford Model T or a four-door sedan be \$12,000 or \$18,000? It's my opinion that all hobbyists should take a step back for a minute and see that the hobby has lost sight of its original goal, which was to keep antique cars on the road and out where the public can see them and become more interested. Now we worry about the vehicle condition and value!

Coincidentally, I sold the Edsel in favor of collecting antique tractors because I find that more people who have antique tractors don't find the flaws and pick them apart, because they are not perfect. They accept them as they are, no matter how much they are worth!

Reece Coulter, Grove City, PA

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 \$40 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 warmer months, May through October, we meet at Fenton Bar & Grill, 701 Rudder Road, Fenton, MO. During the winter months, November through April, we move indoors to various restaurants around St. Louis.

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