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HCCM Easter Show, Sunday, April 12

Compared to the last couple of years, the weather was warmer and more comfortable for this year's Horseless Carriage Club of Missouri Annual Easter Show. We didn't need a canopy or heater to stay warm even though it was rather windy.

I believe we had about 18 members with cars and several other members who didn't bring a car. While a couple of the member's cars were not Buicks, it was good to have a large turnout of members. There were even a couple of members we don't get to see often at club events.

As usual, several of the ladies brought lots of goodies, including coffee for those who need their caffeine fix to get through the day.

The Easter Show is always an enjoyable event with lots of pristine restored cars, beautiful rods and custom cars and car talk. In addition, our display of Buicks helps to recruit new members for our club. Several people requested membership applications and were e-mailed last month's Gazette.

ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE IN MAY!!



Upcoming Events

**Next Meeting, Thursday, May 7
Fenton Bar & Grill, 701 Rudder Road, 7:30 p.m.**

**Cruise to Bill Bicknell's in Rolla, Sunday, May 17
Details on Page 4**

Director's Message

Hi All,

The oil change at Paul Meyer's went well. Thanks to Paul for having us, Dave Smith for cooking and Ed Keil for getting the food for the day. As always, we had a great time and good food to eat!

Well, the Easter show was much warmer than last year! And we had more Buicks than spaces set aside for our club! A big thanks to Pete for making the arrangements! And thanks to all those that attended!

On a personal note, I am now experiencing selling some cars on eBay. Thanks to Adam and Mike for getting me started! So far, it has been interesting and I have gotten a lot of odd questions. The best one is that in the ad I stated the brakes need to be repaired before the car can be driven. So I have gotten questions like can I drive it home? Some folks need to learn to read.

Just a note to those going to Bobby's or Tan-Tar-A that I will not be going as my daughter Wendy is getting married on June 6. Her husband-to-be is a car guy, or maybe I should say a truck guy. He owns a 1964 Chevy pickup that he is restoring! Being an old farm truck, it was painted at least once with a brush!

We are planning a trip to Bill Bicknell's in Rolla on May 17. Come to the next meeting for details on the day. We also tentatively have a side trip to a restoration shop for later in the day. A big thank you to Bill for inviting us down to Rolla and his great article last month on the straight 8 engines!

Don't forget: The NEXT MEETING IS AT THE FENTON BAR & GRILL!

And please **pay your dues** if you haven't already.

Director's Message (Continued)

Happy Buicking

Bob

Meeting Minutes, April 2, 2009

The April 2009 meeting was held on Thursday, April 2, at Syberg's Westport. We had a fair turnout with 20 people attending and two guests, Chris Heuer and Steve Kramarczyk.

The Club meeting was facilitated by Bob Brasses, Director.

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

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

April Birthdays

Delia Greer
Bob Paster
Louise Smith

Anniversaries

Bill and Karen Nolte

Upcoming Events:

- April - 3 Fenton Cruise - Life Christian Church
- April - 4 Oil Change/Ladies Luncheon 10:00-3:00
- April - 12 Easter Car Show - Forest Park
- April - 25 Buick Performance Club Dyno Day, Mid-coast Performance, St. Charles, 10:00-3:00, \$45 for 3 pulls
- April - 26 Beffa's Show, 2700 Olive, 11 - 4, food 50 percent off for driver. Proceeds to charity,

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May Birthdays

Judy Driscoll
Cathleen Horst

May Anniversaries

Steve and Sherri Dodson
John and Kitty Lasinski
Vic and Pat Panus
Jim and Karen Poole
Bill and Maggi Wester

Meeting Minutes, April 2, 2009 (Continued)

May

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

June

- 4 Regular Monthly Meeting - Fenton Bar & Grill
- 5 Fenton Cruise - Life Christian Church
- 6?? Bobby's Custard Cruise??
- 5-7 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 Christian 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 Christian Church

August (Continued)

- 13-16 BCA Heartland Regional Show, Appleton, WI
- 29 Skyview Drive-In

New Business

Elections:

- Director: Bob Brasses, re-elected
- Assistant Director: Paul Meyer
- Treasurer: Pete Nathan, re-elected
- Secretary: John Lasinski, re-elected
- Director at Large: Adam Martin, replacing Paul Meyer

No 50/50 drawing

Next Regular Meeting:

May 7 Fenton Bar & Grill, 7:30

2009 Calendar

May

- 2 Sinclair Buick Show
- 7 Regular Monthly Meeting - Fenton Bar & Grill
- 8 Fenton Cruise - Life Science Church
- 17 Cruise to Bill Bicknell's in Rolla

August

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- 7 Fenton Cruise - Life Science Church
- 13-16 BCA Heartland Regional Show, Appleton, WI
- 29 Skyview Drive-In

June

- 4 Regular Monthly Meeting - Fenton Bar & Grill
- 5 Fenton Cruise - Life Science Church
- 6?? Bobby's Custard Cruise??
- 5-7 Olds Club Tan Tar A Show
- 13 Display at Behlmann with Pontiac GMC
- 28 Museum of Transportation Show
- ? St. Genevieve Overnight Tour

September

- 3 Regular Monthly Meeting - Fenton Bar & Grill
- 4 Fenton Cruise - Life Science Church
- 6 Wheels In Motion - Westport Plaza
- 12 Wagner Buick Show
- 26-28 Route 66 Festival - Springfield, IL

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

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

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Ladies Luncheon

The Annual Ladies Luncheon took place at La Bonne Bouchee on April 4th. Those in attendance were Barb Brasses, Gail Simon, Karen Schmiehausen, Maggi Wester and Ginny Landers. The food was great, especially the desserts. We greatly missed those who could not join us.

Ladies, put this luncheon on your calendars for the Saturday before Palm Sunday next year and join us for some good food and conversation.

Contributed by Ginny Landers



Oil Change

First of all, I want to thank the Gateway Chapter of the BCA for coming to my shop for the 'Yearly Oil Change'. If it wasn't for the visit, I would never ever get my shop cleaned up. So, if any of you guys think my shop looks like that all the time, you have another guess coming.

It was a very beautiful day, the camaraderie was great, that's just a big guy word for 'Telling Buick Lies', you know, it's a man thing, except for Monica, she joined in on the lying too. I believe there were a total of about 15 members there, but not all at one time. Some would come, and some would go.

Only two cars ventured onto the rack, Tim Hanneman's nice '48 Roadmaster two-door sedanette, and Mike Marx's nice '30 two-door coupe. So, with only two cars to critique, everyone sat outside and told stories while the ladies of the club went for their yearly 'Women's Only' luncheon.

We all got our bellies full of the good ol' brats and hamburgers cooked by the usual 'gourmet' cooks, Dave Smith and Ed Keil. All in all, we had a very enjoyable day, and next year, let's try to have an even bigger turnout. Besides that, I will need another reason to clean up my shop. Thanks again.

Contributed by Paul Meyer

See photos next page

Cruise to Bill Bicknell's on Sunday, May 17. Meet at the QT gas station on the south side of I-44 at the Bowles exit at 9:00 am. We plan to leave by 9:15. Bring a salad or dessert to share, hotdogs will be provided. Maps will available at the meeting place. Visit to restoration shop in Rolla to follow picnic.

Oil Change (Continued)



A Winter Project: Getting Herb's Car

It was a snowy, wet Sunday morning in February. Snow had melted off most of the roads and Herb called me to help him move his car. He had been working on it at Pete Nathan's garage but needed to move the car home. The transmission was disconnected and thus it was not drivable.

Herb, Pete and I rolled the car out of the nice dry garage onto the icy driveway. Now we had to get it on the trailer. We had to use a winch and a lot of muscle. Pete's posterior came into contact with the icy driveway but all turned out okay. After loading the car, we decided Herb's steep driveway was not an option. So, it was off to my garage which was up hill also, but not as steep as Herb's drive.

With the '37 on the lift, Herb and I looked at each other, admitting that we were not mechanics, and had no idea what to do next – we needed professional help. With the assistance of Aaron Ford, five weeks later (we had to wait on parts) the '37 was again road ready.

Contributed by Steve Dodson



Directions to Fenton Bar & Grill: Take I-44 west from I-270 and exit onto N. Hwy Drive to Bowles Avenue. Crossover I-44, then turn left on S. Hwy Drive to Larkin Williams Drive. Turn right on Larkin Williams for 0.3 miles, then left at the stop sign onto Rudder Road.

Mail Registration & Payment Before July 10th To:

2009 Heartland Regional
% Stan Grimm
1251 Sunny Creek Drive
Green Bay, WI 54313

Meet Contacts:

Fred & Joan Pennings
2101 Kavanaugh Road
Kaukauna, WI 54130
Ph: (920) 766-1333 (Home)
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Erv & Marge Hutjens - (920) 336-5984
Hutjens@campbellwagner.com

Chuck Marousek - (920) 232-5419
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Host Hotel:

Holiday Inn Select
150 Nicolet Road
Appleton, WI 54914
Ph: (920) 735-9555
Room Rate: \$98 -- Mention BCA or Buick Club

Innovation:

LADIES ONLY:

Our team is busy putting together **LADIES ONLY** event(s) for those interested in doing things outside the realm of cars. No exact details yet but indicate here if you have an interest. You will not need transportation for these events and sign up will be at the show.

I HAVE INTEREST IN THE LADIES EVENTS _____ (Y or N)

The Golden Handshake:

Some of you may have seen this before but in case you have not here's the scoop. We are going to appoint one show attendee to be on the look out for other attendees who make an effort to "greet" others via a handshake. The identity of the first person to shake the hand of our mystery attendee will be revealed at the awards banquet Saturday evening. They will be awarded \$50 cash for them reaching out to a fellow attendee.

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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