



# Gateway Gazette

Monthly Newsletter of the St. Louis Chapter

**BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA**

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## Thanks Chris & John

By Bob Brasses



If anyone is not aware Chris and John Waltz have retired from 10.5 years as our editors of the newsletter. Chris and John have put forth an outstanding publication that few newsletters in the BCA can even come close to matching. When talking to prospective new members the newsletter wowed them. I often got comments about how their other clubs they belonged to did not measure up to the Gazette. Without Chris and John my director's message would never have been as good as they have been.

## Director's Message

Hi All,

Well fall is here and some may be getting ready for winter but we still have a few activities ahead. By the time you read this we will have already been to the Museum of Transportation. Should be an interesting excursion.

We had a lot of outing in the past month the Wild Bird Sanctuary was quite interesting and we had a goodtime meeting the birds and other interesting critters. Manor home car show was a good chance for the club to do a good civic activity. The Behlmann Buick show was interesting.

As mentioned earlier Chris and John are retiring from the being the editors of the Gazette. I will be assuming the role as acting temporary editor. Hopefully you still be able to understand what the heck is going on in the club and what is going to happen. If you have any articles, for sale/wanted items or notices please send them to me. I will need all the help I can get.

The holiday party has been moved to January and will be at Nicoletes more information to come later.

We have been trying to find a new summer and winter restaurant. Please bring you ideas, if nothing else maybe we can come up a calendar by month of where the meeting will be held after the first of the year. No one will like every place but maybe we can find one that will bring in a few people that can't make it to the current places.

Well that's it for now.

Happy Buicking...

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## Gateway Meeting Minutes October 4th

Location: The October 2007 meeting was held on Thursday, October 4, at Home Town Buffet. Roughly 33 members and two guest, Gene from the Olds Club & Jim Worton a director at Museum Of Transport.

The Club meeting was facilitated by Bob Brasses, Director.

Minutes from the September 2007 meeting were accepted as printed in the *Gateway Gazette*.

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

### October Events

October 14<sup>th</sup> Manor Grove Nursing Home Show  
October 20 Behlmann Display  
October 21 Museum of Transport Mystery Caravan  
October ? Museum of Transportation Behind the Scenes Tour  
October 28 Halloween Charity Car Show – Gateway Raceway

### New Business

Nicolettis was chosen for the Holiday party, January 6 is the date. Each member will pay \$5 and the club will pick up the rest.

Tan-Tar-A Oldsmobile Show May30, 31, 2008

John Waltz has resigned from publishing the Newsletter. Looking for volunteers to take over. Thanks John!

### **Next Regular Meeting:**

The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, November 1, 2007 at Home Town Buffet. The meeting will be called to order at 7:30.

Ed Lanfer won the 50-50 drawing



## Spotlight On Mike Marx



This month's "Member Spotlight" is on Mike Marx who has been a member of the Gateway Buick Club for 5 years. He currently owns a 1930 Buick which Mike will drive anywhere. Mike is a very active member of our club and will drive his car to most local, regional and national club meets as well as most club outings. Mike said in his 10 year of collecting old cars his favorite old car he has ever owned was a 1947 Dodge pick up truck. Mike's occupation is selling vacuum tubs and electrical parts for radios and audio equipment and industrial machines. In addition to the old car hobby, Mike is a ham operator. In his spare time, you will find Mike working with the St. Louis Stray Dog Rescue Organization. Mike's heart is as large as he is.

Steve Dodson

## Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> Bird Sanctuary



## Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> Oktoberfest St. Charles



## Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> Manor Grove



## St. Charles Octoberfest Car Show

A beautiful fall day found a dozen members in 10 cars representing our club at the St Charles Octoberfest Car Show on 30 September. One of the cars, however, answered to "Herbie" and didn't look much like a Buick. Several members had their car judged, and Herb Morris took first place in his class. At least one other member was made aware of a burned out turn-signal bulb during the quick drive-thru process.

In addition to enjoying the company of fellow club members and looking at the many collectible cars lined up along Main Street, most members enjoyed lunch at one of the many restaurants in the area. A few even made to the beer tent for a little refreshment and to listen to a band from Germany play some polkas and other familiar tunes.

Bill Landers

## Holiday Party Update

Nicoletti's Steak & Pasta  
1366 Big Bend Square Shopping Ctr  
Ballwin, MO 63021  
(636) 225-4222

Corner of Big Bend an old highway 141

January 6, 2008 4:00

John Lasinski

## Ideas For Future Events

Here a few Ideas we can discuss at the November meeting.

Do we want a light show cruise again Where?  
When?

In instead of a regular meeting how about a  
breakfast get together in December? Where? When?

## The Health Corner

Update:

Pete Nathan had heart by-pass surgery last month, is home and doing well. It was good to see Pete at our club meeting this month, thanks, Herb, for bringing him to the meeting.

John Waltz is still battling his cancer and has been in and out of the hospital a lot this year. Due to his declining health he had to resign as newsletter editor - John & Chris, don't think we can replace you!

Paul Meyer is still battling with his cancer. He will spend at least a week in Houston, Texas for testing, his prostate cancer condition has worsened quickly. (Hang in there Paul!)

New:

Delia Greer in July had a Colonoscopy, August, had one Cataract eye surgery and in October, the second Cataract eye surgery. (in other words, Delia had her oil checked and a vision tune up, and should be good for another 100,000 miles!) Looking forward to SEEING you again soon!

Dave Smith after doing some manual labor at home (not a good idea for OLD people) had some chest pains and checked into the hospital to find out he was having some heart problems, at this writing Dave is in the hospital. (Dave, start acting like an old man!)

Bill Wester had a complete knee replacement surgery three weeks ago and is now home. Bill is up and walking with the use of a cane and Maggi get's him out of the house as often as she can. Keep up the good work Bill.

Please to keep all these people in your prayers.

Steve Dodson

## Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> Bird Sanctuary

We had a great Walt Crawford was there. He gave presentation about the facility and how it had grown. He had a helper bring out a bald eagle which we were able to take pictures of with our cars.

Aaron Ford arrived with his blue Hudson and Chris and John Waltz arrived in a beautiful GN. The cars looked great and the eagle and the day really added to it.

We even had a fly by a large macaw. Bob Windal and several others found new friends at the visitor center. A few folks including myself took time to pet the possum.

Afterwards we headed out to Lone Elk Park and tookin the natural scenery enhaced by our cars.

Bob

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## Manor Grove Centennial Fair & Car Show

Sunday, October 14, 2007, the Gateway Chapter Buick Club held a car display for the Manor Grove Nursing Home.

Last January the Manor Grove Nursing Home contacted Steve Dodson to see if he could get some cars together for their special day in October. Steve presented the idea to the Buick club at a board meeting and everyone agreed this would be a good community service event. Steve was concerned this would turn out be an all-Buick event which the home didn't want. So at the October Buick club meeting Steve passed around a sign-up sheet for members to identify what car they could bring. There were eight Buicks signed up with some members bringing other cars. Then Steve put out a few calls to other car clubs and the number of cars requested was filled. All together there were 17 cars which included two Ford Model A's, one 1924 Ford Model T, a 1955 Ford Street Rod Pick-up, a 1975 Plymouth, a 1957 Mercury, a 1970? Lincoln, a 1930 Chevy. Street Road, a 1930 Franklin, and a 1927 Packard Town Cabriolet.

Sunday turned out to be a beautiful day for a car show and the location was great. The cars were displayed on a parking lot along So. Lindberg Blvd. (South Kirkwood Road) with lots of shade to pull the chairs up under. There was music all day with food and drinks available. The residents of the nursing home and their guests selected their favorite cars. All participants received a nice token trophy. The only Buick club member to place was Franco Falmeri who was awarded third place with his 1929 Ford Model A. The home and the old folks really enjoyed the old car display and being able to participate. Our club is very proud that we were able to fill this community service need and have fun doing it. A **BIG THANKS** from Steve to all who participated in this event!

Steve Dodson

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 5/1 to 4/30. Membership is renewable on 5/1. Members joining between 1/1 and 4/30 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 come and see what they are like. 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 to various restaurants around St. Louis.

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