



# Gateway Gazette

Monthly Newsletter of the St. Louis Chapter

## BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA

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### Member Spotlight by Steve Dodson



#### Spotlight on Don Pfitzinger



This month's "Member Spotlight" focuses on one of our newest members, Don Pfitzinger, Sr. Don currently owns a 1930 4-door sedan.

When asked which his all-time favorite car was, Don said it was a 1932 Ford Roadster street rod. When asked why, he said he owned this car for 5 years when he was a young man. It appeared in a 2 page article in Hot Rod Magazine in 1958 or 1959 (was not sure of the year). Don thought it was great to have and be able to drive a published car!

Don just joined the Gateway Chapter and BCA this September 2011. So far Don has been to the last two meetings and we look forward to him being an active member in the future.

Don is a retired auto mechanic. He worked for Sunset Ford for 13 years and Bud Anderson Ford for 13 years. He also owned his own auto repair business located in Fenton, MO for 13 years before retiring. Sounds like the number 13 was a lucky number for Don.

Other than enjoying old cars, Don has a thing for fishing. For the past 12 years he has owned a home at Lake of the Ozarks. He used to be an avid fisherman, however, now he likes to go fishing only when the fish are biting!

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### Upcoming Events

**Next Regular Meeting, Monday, November 21, Sports Cafe, 7:30 pm**  
**Luncheon and Meeting on the Hill, December 3, Regazzi's, 12:00 Noon**

**See Page 3 for Details**

## Director's Letter

Hi Everyone!

First, I would like to thank Dave Smith for finding our new winter meeting place. The Sports Café in Bridgeton has a great meeting room, which is perfect for our Club, and good food. Thanks again, Dave!

From the minute we left the Museum of Transportation on October 16 for the fall color tour, we knew we were going to have a lovely ride through the countryside. It certainly was a glorious day to go cruising in our beautiful cars! We even toured the St. Alban area, which was an added treat. After the tour, we had a delicious lunch at Big Chief's on their patio. Thanks Kitty and John Lasinski for putting this event together. We appreciate all your planning!

Although the Ste. Genevieve Winery Tour didn't quite go as originally planned, those that attended on Sunday, October 23, had a very nice time. We had a delightful lunch at Big Fields Café, which featured Cajun and Creole soups, gumbo and sandwiches, toured several antique and gifts shops, and had dessert at the Ste. Genevieve Hotel – all in historic downtown Ste. Genevieve. Then, we took a cruise to Crown Valley Winery to enjoy their wine and spectacular views. Again, we were fortunate to have another gorgeous day for this Club event.

Our "Fall Oil Spill" at Paul's garage was also a good time. We all swapped stories and ate chili and hotdogs with all the trimmings prepared by Ed Keil. Thanks, Ed, for preparing the food for this event. Everyone certainly appreciated all your labor!

Our December lunch for Toys for Tots will be held at Rigazzi's on the Hill on December 3 at noon. Rigazzi's is located at 4945 Daggett, St. Louis, Missouri, 63110. All donations for Toys for Tots

will be collected at that time. As a reminder, the Toys for Tots Program collects new, unwrapped toys and distributes those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in our community.

After lunch, the Club will take a short ride to the Missouri Botanical Gardens, 4344 Shaw Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri, 63110, for the 2011 Gardenland Express Annual Holiday Flower and Train Show at Ridgeway Center. Photos from last year's event can be viewed at this link

<http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/things-to-do/events/signature-events/gardenland-express.aspx>

Thanks  
*Herb*

## Meeting Minutes, October 17, 2011

The October 2011 meeting was held on Monday, October 17th, at The Sports Café, our winter location. We had another good turnout with 22 members and one new member, Larry Green with a 1965 Roadmaster Coupe.

The Club meeting was facilitated by Herb Morris, Director.

The minutes of the September 2011 meeting were approved as printed in the Gazette.

Pete Nathan gave the treasurer's report: \$1795.72 Club Account, \$1685.76 Regional Account

**October Birthdays**-See the October Gazette

**October Anniversaries**-See the October Gazette

**Members III** – None Noted

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## November Birthdays

Barb Brasses  
Jim Paster  
Mike Roth

Nancy Keil  
Pat Pfitzinger

Chet Palumbo  
Karen Poole

## November Anniversaries

Ted & Helen Becker  
Mike & Judy Driscoll  
Rich & Kathleen Horst  
Larry & Nancy Longworth  
Carl & Karen Schmiehausen

### **Member Spotlight (Continued)**

Don caught the “Old Car Bug” early in life, however, he said it seems like it’s been a lifetime. Don owned several old cars through the years, but let them go when the family came along. However, now he’s back in the hobby with his current 1930 Buick.

Don and his wife Pat have been married 51 years and have 3 children and 8 grandchildren.

Don and Pat, we welcome you to the club and hope you enjoy your time with us. Thanks for joining the Gateway Chapter!

### **2011 CALENDAR**

#### **November**

21 Regular Monthly Meeting - Sports Café  
3579 Pennridge Dr., Bridgeton, MO 63044

#### **December**

3 Lunch on The Hill, Regular Monthly Meeting,  
Toys for Tots, Botanical Garden,

#### **January 2012**

15 Holiday Party, 4 pm, C.J. Muggs, Webster  
Groves

### **Meeting Minutes, October 17, 2011(Cont’)**

#### **Upcoming Events**

##### **October**

16 Fall Color Tour, lunch at Big Chief, Pond, MO  
17 Regular Monthly Meeting, Sports Café  
22-23 St. Genevieve Cruise  
29 Fall Oil Change, Paul Meyer’s Shop

##### **November**

21 Regular Monthly Meeting, Sports Café

##### **December**

3 Meeting/Luncheon/Toys For Tots – Rigazzi’s  
on the Hill

#### **Old Business**

Magnetic Club Signs - \$18.00 ea.

Belt Buckles

#### **New Business**

2014 National Meet will be in Portland Oregon.

Looking for new members for the Events Committee

**50/50 drawing, \$20, was won by Don Pfitzinger**

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November 21, Sports Cafe, 7:30

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**November Regular Meeting.** Monday, November 21, at **Sports Cafe**, 3579 Pennridge Dr., Bridgeton, MO 63044. To reach the Sports Café, take I-70 or I-270 to West on St. Charles Rock Road at I-270. After one block, turn left at the traffic light onto Boenker Rd., then after one block turn left onto Pennridge Dr. The restaurant is on the right. Plan to arrive by 6:30 and enjoy dinner prior to the 7:30 meeting.

**December Meeting and Lunch on the Hill.** Our luncheon meeting and Toys for Tots collection will be at Rigazzi’s at 12 noon on December 3, 2011. Rigazzi’s is located at 4945 Daggett, 63110. To get to Rigazzi’s take US 40/I-64 or I-44 to south on Kingshighway. Daggett is the 2<sup>nd</sup> right after I-44. After lunch and collection of the Toys for Tots, we will visit the annual flower and train show at the Missouri Botanical Gardens, 4344 Shaw Avenue.

## FOR SALE

**1968 Riviera, price reduced to \$6200.** Very nice car with 38K original miles, factory air (needs Freon), excellent interior, no rust, has been in heated garage. Pictures available, Ray, 314-298-0604, anytime.

**1953 Roadmaster.** Recently rebuilt transmission, new ring gear, new radiator, plus more. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary model with first of the V-8s. Has P.S., P.B., P. seat, P. windows. Matching numbers. Shop manuals and other original documents. Gene Hughes, cell 314-504-4844. Pictured on cover of May 2007 Gazette.

**Two 1963 Buick Specials.** Car #1 is a convertible, 215 V8, 3 speed trans, factory air conditioning. Car #2 is a 2 door coupe, 215 V8, 4 speed trans. Both cars have bucket seats, both cars need right rear quarters, both engines turn over (not stuck), both seem to be complete. Sell as a pair, \$2000. Paul Meyer, 314-574-9853.

**Huge Quantity of 1964 Buick Riviera parts For Sale.** Donated to our chapter by a Buick enthusiast, proceeds will be used to fund chapter activities, including the 2012 Heartland Regional Show. Call Paul Meyer, 314-574-9853, ASAP for the Rivi parts you need.

**1962 Special.** Extra engine and transmission, various parts and books, pictures available. Best offer. Steve, 314-393-0996, 314-487-8586 or [swarringin@hotmail.com](mailto:swarringin@hotmail.com).

**1978 Skylark 4-Door.** Very good condition with automatic, PB, PS, A/C, new battery, lots of factory chrome trim. Has 46,XXX actual miles. Pictures available. Recently passed state safety test. Marilyn, 618-975-6316 or [rubato@htc.net](mailto:rubato@htc.net).

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**Input Needed.** I still need articles for future newsletters. Please take some photos and/or write a few paragraphs about one of our summer events, your restoration project, or any other topic of interest to our club members. Jeff Watson has provided more pictures and other items of interest, but written stories would add to the interest of the newsletter.

Thanks, Editor

Pictures from the Fall Color Tour by Herb Morris



Pictures from the Fall Oil Change, by Editor



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 first Monday 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 \$50 per year, payable to: Buick Club of America, P.O. Box 360775, Columbus, OH 43236-0775.

The Gateway Chapter meets monthly on the THIRD MONDAY of the month. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM and guests are welcome to attend. We meet at various restaurants around St. Louis and most members and guests try to arrive by 6:30 or earlier to have dinner before the meeting.

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