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BUICK CLUB AT THE DRIVE-IN

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September 2, 2007 The place was the Skyview Drive-In in Belleville, Illinois. This was our second year to participate in the Laker's Car Club Drive-In Car Cruise.

The weather was just right for a night at the drive-in, warm enough to be comfortable with a little bit of a breeze. Being a special night just for old cars, there were lots of cars to look at before the show and lots of time to swap car stories with other car people. The

music was, of course, oldies but goodies by Lost in The Fifties. There was a 50/50 drawing and lots of attendances prizes. And the first movie was *The Simpsons*.

For our club the evening had started with fifteen members meeting for dinner at Bandanas Restaurant next to Sunset Ford. Some just wanted to visit and have dinner together, but did not continue to the

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sept 29	10:30 AM	Bird Sanctuary Photo Shoot
Oct 4	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting at Hometown Buffet
Oct 14	1:00 PM	Manor Grove Display
Oct 20	10:00 AM	Behlmann Buick Show
Oct 27	9:00 AM	Museum of Transport Behind the Scene

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Hi All,

Summer is over and it is once again time to get my '55 through inspection. Oh well, I guess the State has to make its money somewhere. Speaking of inspections, for those who don't already know the rules have changed again. The biggest for us is that 1995 and older gas-powered vehicles no longer need an emissions test! For more rules check out the following website:

<http://www.dnr.mo.gov/gatewayvip/>

Well, it was a busy month. We did a brisk afternoon business selling sno-cones at the Wheels in Motion show. Thank you to all those who helped man the booth and to John Pegg for getting us the ice for free.

I missed the Wagner show this year as I made a quick tour to Springfield with another Gateway City Antique Car Club. The Dodsons and Mike Marx were also on the tour. If you make it up to Springfield I heartily recommend seeing the new Lincoln Museum and Library.

By the time you get this we may have already been to the Bird Sanctuary on Sept 29th.

Sept. 30th is the 21st Annual Oktoberfest Antique Car Show hosted by First Capital Classics Auto Club in St. Charles. Adam will be leading folks starting at 9:00 AM from the Bass Pro Shop parking lot.

October Events:

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD AT A NEW TIME
7:00 PM AT A NEW LOCATION ON OCTOBER 4th.

**HomeTown
BUFFET**

The Plaza At Depaul
12228 St. Charles Rock Road
Bridgeton, MO 63044
(314) 298-8303

Manor Grove Display Oct. 14 1-4 PM.

Museum of Transport Tour Oct 27th

Happy Buicking... ☺

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SKYVIEW DRIVE-IN

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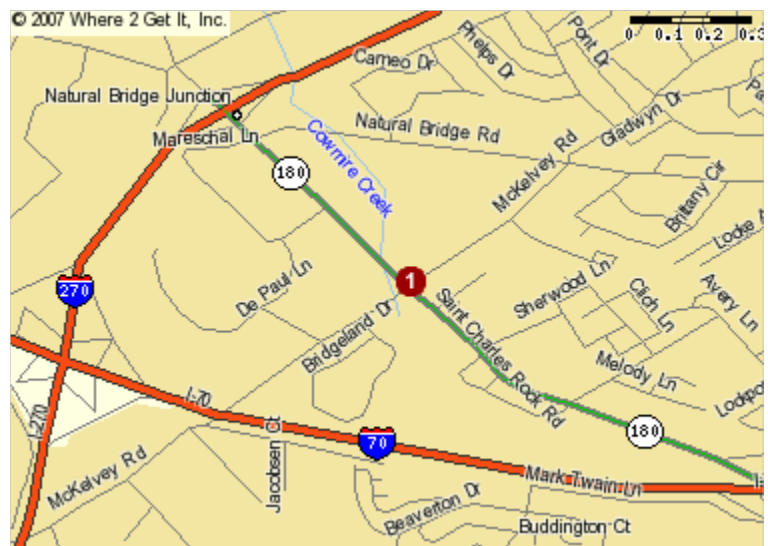
drive-in. At 5:15 we all met at the Park and Ride parking lot at I-270 and Gravois Road. We had four cars caravan over to Belleville. There was Mike Marx, Bob and Barb Brasses, Bob Windal, and Steve and Sherrie Dodson (with their other Buick - the pink 57 Mercury).

The movie was a cartoon, but at least it was one that most of us knew, *The Simpson's Movie!* The second movie was titled *Superbad*. Sherrie and I didn't stay for the second movie (you know the old folks have to get home before it gets too late), but we were told by the ones that did stay that the title said it all. Most everyone bailed out shortly after it started!

Sad to say, but this might be the last year for this event as the property is up for sale. I hope not, but money talks! If they have this again next year maybe they could have a movie like *American Graffiti?*

Steve Dodson

Map for Hometown Buffet (See the 1 in the center of map.)



SKYVIEW DRIVE-IN - SEPTEMBER 2



WHEELS IN MOTION - SEPTEMBER 9



GATEWAY MEETING MINUTES

September 6, 2007

Location: The September 2007 meeting was held at Chuck-A-Burger on St. Charles Rock Road. A total of 18 members and 2 guests, Dave, a friend of Paul Meyer, and Gene Bossaller of the Oldsmobile Club, attended the meeting. The club meeting was facilitated by Bob Brasses, Director. Minutes from the August 2007 meeting were accepted as printed in the *Gateway Gazette*. Pete Nathan gave his Treasurer's Report. After income and expenditures, a total of \$2336.00 was in the club's account as of September 6, 2007.

August events were reviewed and a good report was given for the pre-tour and event in Wisconsin.

The September schedule was reviewed with mention of a Springfield, Illinois, event on the weekend of September 15-16. (This was in conflict with the Wagner display in Belleville.) Also there was mention of a September 23 HCCM show and swap meet at Queeny Park.

October events scheduled were reviewed. The only change was the deletion of a display at Beffa's Restaurant. Gene Bossler invited our chapter to join the Olds club on October 28 for a cruise from Fast Lanes beginning at 9 AM.

New Business: Jeffrey Watkins informed the club of a display with the GS Club at Belhman GMC at I-270 and McDonald Blvd. on October 20.

The Holiday Party committee is still in the process of selecting a venue for this event. A motion was made and seconded that tickets be sold for this event at \$5 per person with the Club to pick up the remainder of the dinner tab. Bar tabs will not be included. The motion passed.

Next Regular Meeting: The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, October 4, 2007, at The Hometown Buffet in the Plaza at DePaul, 1228 St. Charles Rock Road in Bridgeton. The meeting will be called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mike Marx won the 50-50 drawing.

Herb Morris
Acting Secretary

THIS AND THAT

September was a very busy month for our car show calendar. The highlight was surely the Wheels in Motion show where we have been selling sno-cones for a charity donation for several years. I understand that we started out with poor sales, but in the afternoon things picked up and we had our best year. The traffic kept several of our members very busy and contributions came to \$368 dollars. We have been making a matching contribution, but hadn't authorized full matching this year. Our officers had authority to contribute \$100 and that brought our club contribution to Children's Cancer through this show to our best so far.

With all the shows during the month we somehow had a low attendance at the Wagner Buick Pontiac GMC show on the 15th. There were many more Pontiacs. We will have to do better next year.

TEN YEARS IS ENOUGH

Many of you know that I have been editor for some time. Well, it has been since September of 1997, just before I started traveling every week in my job. It was a reasonable thing to do and Mark Bunce definitely had burned out.

Within a few months, my job took me on the road every week and putting a newsletter out each month became more of a challenge. But with the help of my wife, Chris, we always got the newsletter out. This year has been quite a challenge with poor health and lengthy stays in the hospital in April, May and September.

So it is time for change and I will have to turn the newsletter over to someone else. This will be my last issue as editor.

John Waltz