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Cruise to Dreamland Palace & Fort de Chartres

Sunday, August 23, was a beautiful day for our cruise to the Dreamland Palace German restaurant and on to Fort de Chartres after lunch. Nine Buicks and two others convoyed from our meeting place at Koch Road to the restaurant in Foster's Pond, IL, through picturesque countryside.

We were warmly welcomed by the owners of the restaurant and found everything well organized with excellent service. The food was good and the apple strudel-type dessert was especially good (the Hefeweisse draft beer was very good also-Ed.) After dinner, the proprietor passed out tickets and raffled off several die-cast model Buicks, tire gauges and Armor-All spray bottles.

Most of the group then headed through the back roads, guided by ??? and a "confused" GPS, toward historic Fort de Chartres near Prairie du Rocher. We made it with only one minor U-turn. The fort itself was interesting and informative as to the early French history of the area.

An enjoyable time was had by all. Thanks to John and Kitty Lasinski and Herb Morris for planning this event.

Contributed by Ginny Landers



Upcoming Events

Next Regular Meeting

Fuddruckers, S. Lindbergh and Watson Rd, Sept. 3, 7:30 p.m.

Wagner Buick Show, Saturday, September 12, 11 a.m.

Wheels in Motion Show, Sunday, September 13, 9 a.m.

Director's Message

Hi All,

September is here and it's time to start thinking about what is next ...

Let's try to make the turn out for the Wagner show on September 12 the largest ever. Please, if you know of anyone with a Buick, Olds, Pontiac or special interest GM vehicle, invite them to attend. This may be the last year, since GM, as of today, has chosen not to renew their contract with Wagner.

We also need a good turn out for Wheels in Motion Sunday, September 13. Please try to make it. It is always a great time and helps a good cause (the National Children's Cancer Society).

What month and where to move the meetings? The folks that come down from the north for the meetings should receive a medal. I was stuck in rush hour southbound traffic and it was terrible.

I heard that Sybergs may be charging for a meeting room. This info came from another club. So I will double check before the next meeting.

Now is a good time to start thinking about Toys for Tots. We only have three meetings before we need to drop off the toys. So start shopping now so we don't have a last minute rush. I'll be happy to store them.

Shall we plan on a December lunch this year? I think Spaghetti Factory has been used in years past.

Also, where and when to have our holiday party?

I want to take a moment to thank John and Kitty Lasinski and Herb Morris for helping set up the outing to Dreamland Palace and Fort de Chartres for the club.

Happy Buicking

Bob

Meeting Minutes, August 6, 2009

The August 2009 meeting was held on Thursday, August 6, at Fuddruckers in Sunset Hills. We had a very good turnout with a guest from the Oldsmobile Club, Gerald Burns, and a returning member, Ed Pyatt.

The Club meeting was facilitated by Bob Brasses, Director.

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

Pete was not present to give the Treasurer's Report. Herb Morris has the information.

August Birthdays

James Bain	Ina Bicknell
Steve Kramarczyk	Monica Ledwon
Adam Martin	Anna Marie Meyer
Herb Morris	Pete Nathan
Gail Simon	Bill Seibel
Bob Windal	Kitty Lasinski

August Anniversaries

James & Marcia Bain
Avis & Anna Marie Meyer

Upcoming Events

August

- 7 Fenton Cruise - Life Christian Church
- 13-16 BCA Heartland Regional Show, Appleton, WI
- 23 Cruise to Dreamland Palace German Restaurant, Foster's Pond, IL. Meet at Koch Rd. at 11:00 am
- 29 Skyview Drive-In – Driver is free!

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September Birthdays

Ted Becker Jim Hall
Culus Jones John Lasinski
Nancy Ingargiola Pat Peter

September Anniversaries

James & Rosalee Hudson
Ed & Nancy Keil
Bruce & Kathy Kunz
Herb & Sharon Morris

Meeting Minutes, August 6,2009 (continued)

September

3 Regular Monthly Meeting – Fuddruckers
4 Fenton Cruise - Life Christian Church
12 Wagner Buick Show
13* Wheels In Motion, Westport Plaza, 10:00 am
27* St Charles Octoberfest Show
26-28 Route 66 Festival - Springfield, IL

*** (Editor's note: These dates are different than previously printed!!)**

October

1 Regular Monthly Meeting - ?
2 Fenton Cruise - Life Christian Church
?? Cruise to Bill Bicknell's
17-18? St. Genevieve Overnight Tour, Cave Winery,
 Microtel \$62/per night.

November

12-14 BCA South East Regional Show, Murfreesboro (Nashville), TN, hosted by the Music City Chapter. More to be announced. Contact Jerry Bodden at jbsbuix@embarq.com or 336-627-9708. This is a 350 mile drive.

Performance News

There was a good turnout at the BPG Nationals.

New Business

Wagner Buick will close in January. Their show is still scheduled for September 12.

Members III

Steve Dodson is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

50/50 was won by Adam Martin.

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Steve Vander Pluyten

Wagner Buick Show

Put this show on the top of your priority list (along with the Wheels in Motion Show) for the weekend of 12 and 13 September. This is likely the last show at Wagner, since their contract with GM will not be renewed. Wagner's new facility is located at the corner of IL route 15 and South 17th Street. See last month's Gazette for more details.

2009 CALENDAR

September

- 3 Regular Monthly Meeting – Fuddrucker’s
- 4 Fenton Cruise – Life Christian Church
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- 13* Wheels in Motion Show, Westport Plaza
- 27* St. Charles Octoberfest Show
- 26-28 Route 66 Festival – Springfield, IL

October

- 1 Regular Monthly Meeting - ?
- 2 Fenton Cruise – Life Science Church

October (continued)

- ? Cruise to Bill Bicknell’s
- 17-18 St Genevieve Overnight Tour

November

- 5 Regular Monthly Meeting - ?
- 7 Fall Oil Change
- 12-14 Southeastern Regional Show, Murfreesboro, TN

December

- ? Luncheon Get-Together

* These dates are different than previously Printed – Ed.



The Need for Turn Signals on Old Cars

This last weekend I was driving home from a car show with my 1936 Cord, which does not have turn signals. For most of us that is not an issue because we are used to using hand signals when driving our older collector cars.

My trip home requires a left turn off a two-lane state highway onto a county road. When I was nearing my road, a car was coming up behind me, closing the gap fairly quickly. The driver may have been going close the 55 mph speed limit and I was driving about 45 mph. Naturally, I put my left hand out straight to indicate that I was going to be turning left. The car behind me went into the left lane and passed me right at the intersection. As the car went by, I was able to see that the driver was perhaps 20 years old.

Two things were fortunate – first, there were no oncoming cars – second, I saw what was happening. I braked harder than I had planned until the car passed and I then made a sharp left turn onto my intended road. Had I not recognized what was happening, I would have braked hard and kept the wheels straight. Then, I would have driven right into the side of the passing car.

My conclusion was that young drivers don't know what hand signals mean and I believe this driver interpreted my left arm stretched out meant that it was okay to pass on the left! I guess we need to recognize that hand signals are no longer universally recognized and may have no meaning to young drivers.

Contributed by Bill Bicknell



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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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