

# Gateway Gazette

Monthly Newsletter of the St. Louis Chapter

**BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA**

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## Member Spotlight by Steve Dodson



### Spotlight on Bill Landers



This month's "Member Spotlight" focuses on Bill Landers. Bill currently owns a 1990 Buick Reatta convertible and a 1962 Electra 225 2-door hardtop.

When asked which was his all time favorite car, Bill said it was his 1990 Reatta, because he likes the looks of the car and it is comfortable for travel to BCA National and Heartland Regional shows.

Bill joined the Gateway Chapter Club in 1997 when our club was hosting the 1997 St. Louis Buick National meet. Bill has been a very active member; he served on several committees, was Asst. Director for two years and Director for four years. Bill is currently serving the club as newsletter editor and has done an excellent job for the past 4 years, but said he will be retiring from that position in another year!

Bill's occupation was electronics engineer and program manager for McDonnell Douglass and Boeing for 37 years. He retired in 1999.

Bill started his old car collecting in 1995 with the purchase of his 1990 Reatta. In 1998 Bill bought a 1965 Riviera with the intention of restoring it after his retirement but never did finish it and sold it to former club member Jeff Tarr in 2008.

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## Upcoming Events

**Buick, Olds, Pontiac, GMC Show, Wagner Buick, September 10, 10 am**

**Wheels in Motion Show, Westport Plaza, September 11, 9 am**

**Lunch at Fast Eddie's, Cruise to Grafton Winery, September, 17,**

**Next Regular Meeting, Monday, September 19, Sports Cafe, 7:30 pm**

**See Page 3 for Details**

## Director's Letter

Hi Everyone!

The Heartland Regional in Reedsburg, Wisconsin, was a well planned and fun event. I wish more of you could have made it. Paul Meyer and I had a little car trouble, but had a great time in spite of it. Both Pete Nathan and Bill Landers won awards in the 400-point judging.

September will be a very busy month for us Gateway car enthusiasts. Please check the schedule in this Gazette for upcoming events.

We have a **new location** for our winter meetings. Starting September 19, our meeting will be at **The Sports Café**, 3570 Pennridge Drive, Bridgeton, Missouri, 63044, 314-298-1630.

Don't forget October 21-23 (or any day in between) is the Club's cruise to Ste. Genevieve to visit the wineries and antique shops. Please let me know if you plan to attend, if you'll need a room and how many nights you plan to stay.

Thanks  
*Herb*

## Meeting Minutes, August 15, 2011

The August meeting was held on Monday, August 15 at Fuddrucker's restaurant. We had a very good turnout with about 27 members and one guest who has a 1970 Electra Hardtop.

**August Birthdays:**  
See August Gazette

**August Anniversaries:**  
See August Gazette

## Meeting Minutes, August 15, 2011(continued)

**Members Ill:**  
None noted

**Treasurer's Report:** Ending Checking balance is \$1689.89, Regional Fund \$954.76

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Sept. 10 BOP Display at Wagner Buick in Belleville, IL, 10:00 a.m.
- Sept. 11 Wheels in Motion Show, Westport Plaza Parking Lot
- Sept. 17 Fast Eddie's Cruise/Lunch, cruise to Grafton. Meet at Paul Meyer's Shop, 10:00 a.m.
- Sept. 18 HCC Car Show & Swap Meet, Queeny Park
- Sept. 19 Regular Monthly Meeting, 7:30, \***Sports Café, 3579 Pennridge, Bridgeton, MO 63044\***
- Sept. 23-25 Route 66 Festival, Springfield, IL

### **National News**

The National Club needs a new Board member. Non-BCA members may attend shows for additional \$2-3 for local show, \$5 for regional show, and \$10 for national show

### **Old Business:**

Magnetic Club signs are still available, \$18.00 each. Buick Club Belt Buckles – 2 Blue, 16 Red left Regional Shirts - \$17 ea. small-Xlarge, \$19 ea. 2XL, \$21 ea. 3XL

### **New Business:**

Club received \$2500 from Buick Association for Regional event

**\*\*Note new location for monthly meeting!\*\***

## September Birthdays

Ted Becker	Betty Doggendorf	Jim Hall
Nancy Ingargiola	Culus Jones	John Lasinski
Pat Peter	Donna Reale	T J Rinn

## September Anniversaries

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

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

We almost did not get Bill as a member as he nearly bought a Mercedes SL Roadster instead of the Reatta. Had he bought that Mercedes, he likely would not have joined the Gateway Buick Club. We're glad the Buick won out!

For hobbies, Bill does stained glass and loves to travel.

Bill served his country in the Army after ROTC in college. After Army schools in Fort Benning, GA and Fort Devens, MA. Bill spent 2 years in Heidelberg, Germany and ended his service as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant. Thanks Bill for your service.

Bill and Virginia have been married for 49 years; have two children and 6 grandchildren.

### **2011 CALENDAR**

#### **September**

- 10 Display at Wagner, BOP & Gmc
- 11 Wheels in Motion Show, West Port Plaza
- 17 Lunch at Fast Eddie's, cruise to winery in Grafton
- 19 Regular Monthly Meeting - Sports Café  
3579 Pennridge Dr., Bridgeton, MO 63044
- 23-25 Route 66 Festival - Springfield, IL

#### **October**

- 16 Fall Color Tour, Lunch at Big Chief ???
- 17 Regular Monthly Meeting - Sports Café  
3579 Pennridge Dr., Bridgeton, MO 63044
- 21-23 Overnight or daytrip to St. Genevieve - Visit Crown and ?? wineries
- 29 Fall oil change

#### **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,
- ? Holiday Party, Trailhead or Lewis & Clark ???

### **Upcoming Events**

**Display at Wagner Buick GMC.** Saturday, September 10, at 10 am in Belleville, IL. Gm has renewed Wagner's franchise, so they are once again a GM new car dealer and will host Buick, Olds, Pontiac and GMC collector vehicles in a display. Wagner is located at the corner of IL route 15 and South 17<sup>th</sup> Street. Take I-255 on the IL side to exit 17A (IL route 15 East). Follow IL 15 for about 6 miles, then make a right at the South 17<sup>th</sup> traffic light. You'll see the entrance on the right.

**Wheels in Motion Show.** Sunday, September 11, beginning at 9 am, at West Port Plaza. This is our clubs main charitable event of the year, so try to attend and help give away snow cones to benefit the National Children's Cancer Society. See flyer in this issue. For more information call Elliot at 314-878-0534 or Al at 314-650-7639.

**Cruise to Fast Eddie's for Lunch.** Saturday, September 11. Meet at Paul Meyer's shop, 13573 St. Charles Rock Road, at 10:00am. Paul's shop is located approximately 1.3 miles west of I-270, on the right as you travel west.

## Upcoming Events(Continued)

**September Regular Meeting (New Location).** Monday, September 19, 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. 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.

## Other Events in the Area

**North County Cruise Nites.** Second Friday of the month, April through October, 6:00 pm. Music and 50/50 drawing benefiting Friends of Kids with Cancer. At Behlmann Buick GMC, I-270 and McDonnell Blvd. Sponsored by Gateway GTO Association and Behlmann. E-mail [nctycruisenites@aol.com](mailto:nctycruisenites@aol.com) for additional information.

**HCCM Car Show and Swap Meet.** Sunday, September 18, Queeny Park, swap meet opens at 6:30 am and car show opens at 8:00 am. Cars must be 25 years old or more—three prizes in each of 17 classes. Contact Elliot at 314-727-1170 days or 314-878-0534 evenings, for swap meet; or Carl at 314-821-4015 or (cell) 314-808-7838 for car show.

## FOR SALE

**1968 Skylark Custom Convertible.** Documented 62,000 miles from repair records, yellow, black interior, bench seat, 350 V-8, auto, power top, brakes, steering, cold a/c, some small rust on quarters and at windshield. Second owner. Call Bryan Wilson at 314-392-8032.

**1968 Riviera.** Very nice car with 38K original miles, \$7500, factory air (needs Freon), excellent interior, light brown metallic exterior, 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

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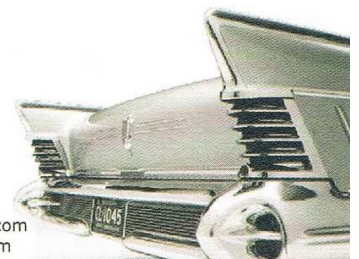
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## **Heartland Region Meeting (August 20, 2011)**

Heartland Region Director, Fred Pennings chaired the meeting Saturday afternoon at the Reedsburg, WI Regional meet to go over Heartland Region affairs for the last year.

Jim Yeager, Heartland Region Secretary was not in attendance. Some had heard he was ill. Jim has not missed a meeting for many years.

Curly Bold gave a preliminary report on the 2011 Heartland Region show. They had anticipated 120 registrations, and fell about a dozen short. At this point, it looks like they will make money for the meet.

Herb Morris gave a brief report on preparations for the 2012 meet in St. Louis.

After some discussion, the following was agreed to for future Heartland Regional meets:

2013 will be hosted by the Chicagoland chapter, 2014 by Gopher State and Fireball, and 2015 by Cream City.

There was a discussion of the rules for allowing non-BCA members to register for various Buick Club shows, including Regionals. Fred will look into the matter and e-mail conclusions to all chapters.

Last year's Regional show was combined with the National in Ames and shares of the profits were promised to chapters who volunteered and showed up to help. Several chapters indicated they had received distributions from the Hawkeye chapter for helping out.

The 2013 National will be in South Bend, IN and they may ask for help from the closest chapters, e.g. Chicagoland. It was pointed out that Indiana falls into the Great Lakes region and chapters from that region may be more likely to be asked to help.

## **Editor's Note**

The Holiday Inn Airport West in Earth City, which we've booked for our 2012 Heartland Regional meet is currently closed and undergoing complete renovation. Their web site indicates they are now accepting reservations for stays after December 31, 2011.

## **Winery Tour and Steam and Gas Engine Show by Editor**

One of the self-drive tours offered at the Heartland Regional was a tour of the Wollersheim Winery in nearby Prairie du Sac, WI. The winery tour was a little longer and more detailed than most we've taken. It included a video describing the history of the winery back to its founding in the 1850s.

Prohibition killed the business and the estate lay dormant until 1972 when the Wollersheim family purchased the property and reopened the winery. In 1984 a young Frenchman from a family of winemakers came to the winery as an intern, ended up marrying the daughter of the owners and today runs the place. To my tastes, Missouri white wines are better than those offered by the winery.

On Sunday, before heading home, we visited the annual Badger Steam and Gas Engine Show. If you think some old car guys are nuts about their cars, you should see these farmers and their restored tractors. Some own multiple restored tractors and the tractor trailers to haul them around to shows. This year featured John Deere and there was a sea of John Deere green across a very large field, as well as many other marques.

We saw restored and running steam engines from the 18<sup>th</sup> century and up. Some of them were huge. Other hobby steam engines were only a couple of inches long. Many of the operating steam engines were set up doing the tasks they were originally designed for, such as drilling wells, husking grain, or sawing wood.

Pictures from the Winery Tour and Steam and Gas Show



An antique brandy still



Wine aging in oak barrels



Fields of (John Deere) green



This antique tractor sold for \$190,000.



An antique tractor with steel wheels



A miniature farm layout with many working vehicles

**ATTENDANCE  
PRIZES!**

**15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**

**CASH & PRIZE  
RAFFLES!**

**Walter F. Phillips Memorial  
Old Cars Against Cancer**

# Wheels in Motion Day



**All Proceeds Benefit Children in their  
Steve Davis Fight with Cancer**



*Memories of Steve*

**Westport Plaza**

**Sunday, September 11, 2011**

*9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Rain or Shine!*

**GREAT ENTERTAINMENT**

**CAR REGISTRATION: \$20.<sup>00</sup> PER CAR AT EVENT**

**FIRST 150 CARS RECEIVE A COMMEMORATIVE DASH PLAQUE**

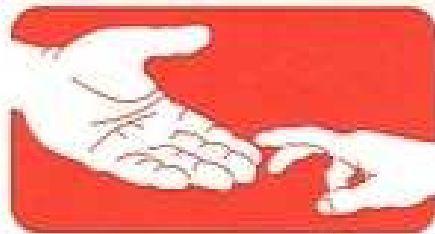
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Our membership year runs from May 1 to April 30. Membership is renewable on May 1. Members joining between January 1 and April 30 are paid up through the next April. Dues are \$15 per year for the local chapter. Contact Pete Nathan, Treasurer. See address below. Current dues for the national club are \$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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