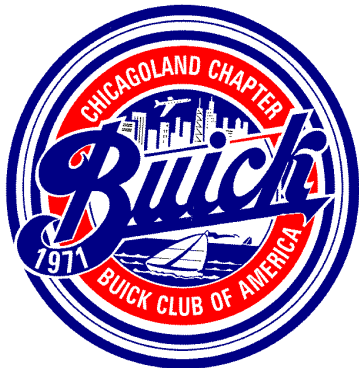


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March 2013 Edition

Our next Chapter meeting is Wednesday April 3rd at the Masonic Lodge in Villa Park. Meeting 7:30, bring a "Show-and-Tell" tool or part!! Wear your name Tag!!

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Director's Ramblings

Well, the 2013 BOPC Swap Meet is behind us. Thanks to all of you that volunteered your time and efforts to make it the success that it was. I couldn't begin to thank each person individually and for fear of omitting someone, let me just say "THANK YOU" to all that helped with this. All of the participating Clubs (Pontiac, Olds and us) made some extra money for our treasuries and had a good time mingling and working with each other. As several of our members commented, there's some very nice people in those other clubs! Hopefully we'll be seeing them again this summer at the Blackberry Farm Show, more on that later. As usual, it was great seeing some old (older) familiar faces in the crowd, some past members and some members that aren't able to make the Chapter events. I was very sorry that Bob Bezingue who worked so hard on organizing and managing this swap wasn't able to attend due to the death of his mother in Indiana. Our sincere condolences on her passing. A REALLY big thanks to our new Assistant Director (congrats!) Melanie Mauser for managing our Chapter table. Melanie went above and beyond decorating the table, bringing a TV/DVD player and running pictures of past BCA Nationals to attract new members (we did get some!!).

Thanks also to Bob Flint and the other members that manned the table answering questions and for being our recruiters. Great job everyone!! Now to decide what to do with some of the money.....

Thanks to the members that attended the Steering Committee meeting at Casey's Restaurant. Casey's proved to be a good place to hold meetings so we may meet there more often in the future.

Our Regional Tour planning is moving along, several people offered to assist us but more people are needed. Steve Ledger will be looking for a few more volunteers, so when asked please help. Thanks to Don Adams, Jeff Heilman, Darryl Powell and Tony Melone (and others?) for stepping up.

Thanks to our World of Wheels Show "representatives" Don Adams, Bob and Bonnie Starzyk, the Art Lostumo's, Bill Grupp and Carter, Ron Johnson and Melanie Mauser. They put on a great Buick display at this annual event, advertised our Chapter and enjoyed themselves!

The GS Club held their annual Chili Cookoff and it was super! 14 different kinds of chili and a room full of people made for a good time! (continued on next page)



Director's Ramblings (con't.)

Our April Meeting will be at the Lodge and will be a "Show-and-Tell" meeting. Please bring any unusual or unique tools or parts to show to the crowd that might stump them as to what it is or what it does. We'll also do some introductions so we get to know more about each other. Please wear your nametags at the meetings!! Please note this meeting will be our last one at the Lodge. We pretty much cleaned out our storage shed at the March meeting and our time there will come to an end after 20+ years. As mentioned previously, the expense of the rent and the declining number of members attending the meetings dictated that we move in a different direction. Therefore our May meeting will be held in conjunction with our Spring Dustoff Show on May 11th at Castle Buick. The June 5th meeting will be at Casey's Restaurant in Lombard (maybe at 7pm?) and the July meeting may be held at either the Blackberry Farm Show or at the July 4th Gorilla Days Show (maybe). More on these dates later.

We also will be hosting two Buick dealer shows this summer at Rizza Buick on July 28th and at Woody Buick (!!) on August 3rd. It looks like it's shaping up to be a busy summer!! Bob Starzyk will be managing the Rizza Show and Rick Schick the Woody Show. Watch for more from them on these events later.....

Keep in mind the Regional Tour preceding the BCA Nationals in South Bend IN on July 17-20, but also the fact our Chapter has been asked to help park some of the vehicles at the Nationals. This is being coordinated by Jim Bloomstrand, he'll have more on this later. Please also keep Larry Driscoll (the Senator), Caroline Kozar and Bob Flint in your prayers. (If there are other concerns let me know).

Steve

Our Spring Dust-off and Meeting at Castle Buick

Thanks again to the efforts of Don Adams and the cooperation of Paul Castle, our annual Spring Dust-off and May Chapter meeting will be held Saturday May 11th at Castle Buick, 7400 W. Cermak Rd., Riverside, 708-442-7474. Our friends in the Pontiac and Oldsmobile Clubs have also been invited so lets see if we can outnumber them with our Buicks!!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every intention is made to provide accurate information. However, I strongly suggest that you verify show dates and venues before traveling. I will also be updating the list month to month so watch for changes. If you have any events to add let me know before the second Wednesday of the month for publication in the next month's edition.

April 3rd—Chapter Meeting at the Lodge, Show-and-Tell night, last meeting at the Lodge!!

April 7th—7th Annual Chicagoland Klassic Bicycle Show/Swap, Addison, IL, Addison Township Gym, 401 Addison Rd., Rudy, 224-587-6803.

April 21st—Northern Illinois Region WPC (Chrysler) Club Swap Meet and Car Show at Larry Roesch Chrysler Jeep, Dodge Ram in Elmhurst. (A favorite of many members, see the flyer inserted in this newsletter.)

April 26-28—Spring Jefferson Swap Meet, Car Corral and Show. Jefferson WI

Thru May 13th at the Elmhurst Historical Museum is a Fred Lorenzen/ NASCAR exhibit. Bobby Allison will have a Meet and Greet from 5-7pm on April 4th!! There are several interesting exhibits and seminars for you NASCAR followers. Highly recommended by several people that have seen the show! 120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst IL. 630-833-1457 www.elmhursthhistory.org

May 5th - Gopher State Chapter 26th Annual Spring Extravaganza Car Show and Swap Meet, MN State Fairgrounds (Ledger and I hope to finally attend this!)

May 11th — Our annual Spring Dust Off at Castle Buick. See the flyer enclosed! This will also be our May Meeting! It will not be at the Lodge!

May 12th—MOTHERS DAY!

May 18th—Lincoln Highway Car Show, Franklin Grove, IL , 815-456-2695

May 30-June 1—Downtown Pontiac IL Route 66 Car Show—Pontiac, IL, 517-881-2329

June 2nd— The Return of the Lambs Farm Charity Car and Bike Show—Lambs Farm, Libertyville, IL 847-899-6527 (A great show for a great charity!!)

June 5th—Chapter Steering Meeting at Caseys Restaurant, 415 E. North Ave., Lombard. 630-932-4777. Dinner (on you) at 6pm, meeting at 7pm.

June 23rd—BOPCGS Car Show and Picnic at Blackberry Historical Farm in Aurora, Flyer to follow!

If you know of any other events for the upcoming year get me the information so I can publish the dates.....**I still need someone to edit this page for me!!**.

March 6th, 2013 Buick Club Meeting Minutes

Steve Kelly. began the meeting with new members, visitors & guests. There were two people Doug & June that came, stood & spoke a short time about them & their vehicles. Steve mentioned that this meeting was also for the dispensation of items the club will no longer need. An auction of bigger items was conducted as well. Steve introduced Melanie as the new Asst. Director for the club.

Regional Tour – Steve Ledger took the floor to address what would be needed for this July event. . . ‘1. Tues. during the daytime, someone would have to lead folks to the car cruise in Tinley ‘2. Wed. during the daytime, someone would have to lead folks to Pontiac, Route 66 Museums, etc. ‘3. Wed. at 3:30pm would be the Regional Meeting at the Hotel, & next door for the evening dinner at the Texas Roadhouse. ‘4. Thursday folks would be on their own to do whatever they wanted. Assistance would be needed for most of the above as well as. . . . ‘1. Eastside parking area to be closed off with horses ‘2. Someone to be at the “Meet & Greet” table as folks come in. ‘3. Don Adams & Jeff Heilman both volunteered their time & cell phone numbers for anyone who needed directions, got lost, or for any other information they needed. ‘4. Darryl also volunteered to create maps for the routes folks may take, whether on the highway or the back roads. ‘5. Debbie spoke with Melanie & offered to assist with the welcome package Melanie will be putting together. According to Steve the Hotel will be supplying some support for us as well.

Steve K. mentioned our meeting at Casey’s & said we may go there again in June. . .it was pleasant. Some may choose to eat dinner, others may just have coffee or nothing.

Open Discussion on the following. . . .

Going to Castle Buick

July meeting at Gorilla Days, should they have it.

May 20th is next steering meeting

June 23rd a possible picnic for all clubs, including Buick, Olds, Pontiac at Blackberry Farms, Aurora. Possibly catered, if so \$5.00 was discussed, or club does main course & we bring a dish to pass around.

July 28th Buick Rizzo Show

Steve then brought up the BOPC – a lot of folks were congratulated on helping, & many thanks to everyone for their support for that weekend.

GS Club guys were at our meeting & were thanked for their help as well.

All of this information will be in the Newsletter for all to read.

There are other events coming up like Cops on the Roof top. . . .collecting for charity in May.

Culvers in June for Special Olympics charity.

Don Adams spoke about the World of Wheels & that there were (5) members with cars at the show.

Everyone received an award, & it went very well. Don hopes to see more of the club participate in something like this.

Steve K/mentioned that March 17th in Grayslake will be the Skip Fiesta Swap.

He also mentioned that if anyone still wanted to volunteer to take a section of the newsletter & own it as far as keeping it current to publication, he would appreciate the help. For example, taking charge of the “For Sale” items, & updating it, or upcoming events section.

Several other events were discussed, & will also be mentioned in the newsletter.

Next meeting will be in April & if anyone has any tools of interest, or unusual properties, please bring them for like a show & tell at the meeting. Try to stump these guys that know it all!!!

The meeting was adjourned.



For Sale and Wanted;

The metal '66 Wildcat shown by Steve Ledger at the March Meeting was done by: Kicks Kustom 5530 17th Place Kenosha, WI 53144. 262-359-1375.

Wheels for sale: GM Rally 15 x 9, 5bolt R W L Radial GT Tires P245/60 R 15 New trim rings and center caps, years unknown, \$1000.00 Eric 815-355-4128

Wanted; parts for 1962 Special Deluxe

Convertible. I am converting a Dynaflow car to a 4 spd. Looking for all needed to convert over, such as T-10 Trans., bellhousing, all pedals/shafts, clutch flywheel, shifter for T-10 if possible. Steering wheel, nice appearing speedo face, bucket seats, pair of rebuildable heads for a 215 V8.

New member Jim Corcoran E-mail jcorcoran@patriotranger.com - (708) 557-4724

1990 Buick Reatta for sale.

1990 Reatta Black Coupe. 88,800 miles receipts for over \$6000.00 in updates and service. Including new tires and battery, No rust car was from Florida Runs and drives perfect. Call for detailed information to much to list. \$7000.00 or best offer. Norm Kortus 815 282 9632 HM or 815 519 3671 Cell. (I finally remembered Norm!! Good Luck!)

Please send any articles, Calendar Dates or “For Sale/Wanted” items to the Newsletter/Flash Editor.



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Car Show and Sale - \$15

Car Corral - \$12

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SWAP MEET

8am to 2pm

Swap Meet Admission - \$3 per person

Indoor Vendor Spaces - 10' x 10' \$20

Vendor Registration – See back of flyer

2013 Heartland Regional Meet
July 14 – 17, 2013
Tinley Park, IL
Hosted by Chicagoland Chapter, Buick Club of America



Today's Date _____

Name _____

BCA # _____

Spouse/Guest _____

Home Phone # _____

Address _____

Cell Phone # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____

Buick Car Registration (NO CHARGE – NON-JUDGED EVENT):

Year _____ Model Name _____ Body Style _____

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Tuesday, July 16, 2013:

- 6:00pm – 10:00PM Cruise Night to Downtown Tinley Park (No Charge)
- 6:00pm – 10:00pm Dinner on your own

Wednesday, July 17, 2013:

- 10:00am – 3:00pm Caravan to Route 66 Hall of Fame & Museum in Pontiac, IL (No Charge)
- 10:00am – 3:00pm Caravan to Pontiac-Oakland Museum in Pontiac, IL (No Charge)
- 10:00am – 3:00pm Lunch on your own
- 3:30pm – 4:30pm Regional Meeting in Botanic Garden I Room at Hilton Garden Inn
- 6:00pm Dinner at Texas Roadhouse

When would you like to caravan to the Buick National Meet in South Bend, IN?

- ☐ Wednesday, July 17 ☐ AM ☐ PM
- ☐ Thursday, July 18 ☐ AM ☐ PM

HOST HOTEL:

Hilton Garden Inn Chicago/Tinley Park (708) 429-2266 – Mention "Buick Club" for special rate
18335 LaGrange Road
Tinley Park, IL 60477
Room Rate: \$119 per night

For Additional Information, call: Steve Ledger, 847-487-5340 before 9pm please

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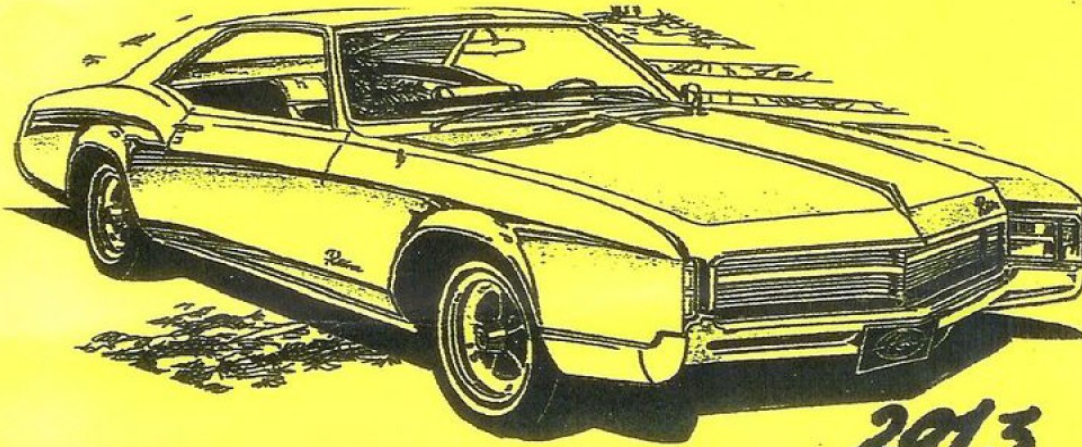
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