



Steve Ledger and his Stage 1

Steve spotted and purchased this GS at the 1980 BCA Nationals held in Homewood, IL. He had the fever for a GS after taking his Rivera to the inaugural GS Nationals earlier that year. Being that far south of Palentine Rd. it is amazing Steve and the car crossed paths. Originally from Toledo, OH the car was in desperate need of a cosmetic restoration that included paint and a new convertible top. The interior and running gear with 75,000 miles was in great shape.

Originally the car was to compliment the Rivera GS and be a gift for Steve's 16-year-old daughter. After Steve found out there were only 81 Stage 1 convertibles made, his daughter had to settle on a Cadillac.

A friend, who had painted a couple of Corvettes in the past for Steve, took on the paint job. Unfortunately Steve had to finish the assembly of the Stage car as the paint job alone took over 7 months. After getting a new convertible top Steve and the finished product were off to the car show circuit. This was the car that Steve took

for the second meeting of the GS Nationals in Bowling Green, KY and along the way has won BCA Gold and a number of GS Nationals awards. Through the years it has remained stock, which is amazing for a GSCA member.

In 1988 the car was stripped and painted for a second time, due to car show flaws that comes with enjoying a show car. As the previous restoration no sheet metal repairs were needed only surface flaws had to be tended to. Our hats are off to this award-winning car with the 15-year-old paint job, as it really looks fine to us.

This is a fully optioned car with power seats, windows and door locks, cruise control, a mini console and is an air-conditioned convertible. I find this quite amazing for a 1972 muscle car.

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Chicagoland members who move are requested to notify our membership chairman before the next newsletter mailing. We would not want you to miss a single edition of your newsletter. Please notify us of e-mail address changes as soon as you change providers.

Upcoming Events

Sept 7	Meeting and Technical Session at ANS
Sept 7	Buick 100 show at IVCC in Oglesby, IL
Sept 13 thru 14	Midwest Challenge US 41 Dragway - Morocco, IN
Sept 20	Cruise Night at Mickey's
Sept 21	Plymouth Place Car Show
Sept 27	Cascade Outdoor Theater night
Oct 4	BCA Car Show at Marquardt Buick
Oct 5	Fresh Air Finale Byron Dragway – Byron, IL
Oct 11	BOP Race Cordova Dragway – Cordova, IL
Oct 19	Meeting and Technical Session Hubcaps – Schiller Park, IL
Nov 16	Meeting and Technical Session @ ANS Featuring the gang from PT&E
Dec 6	CCGSCA Christmas Party
Jan 11	Meeting and Technical Session Casper Electronics and Jimmy's Trans
Feb 11	Meeting and Technical Session To be announced



Two more views of Steve's great Stage 1 convertible

Directors Garage Loyd Bonecutter

Another summer has passed us by so quick I'm stunned. Our crew put together quite a few great summer events for us to enjoy. The back bone of our shows are based on our support of the work the local chapter of the Buick Club of America puts together. Chicagoland Chapter GSCA attendance at these shows continues to be good. BCA shows that many of us participated in include the Bower Spring Dust Off, the Woody Summer Solstice show, the Buick 100-year car show in Flint, MI and the Loren Buick show. Our Gorilla Days 4th of July show with the Woodridge Police Department was excellent as always. Frank threw some surprises at us as always to make this very memorable. The Ettleson; Alante, Buick, Oldsmobile and Cadillac Car show was down overall this year, with Buick participation holding it own. The last Buick only show is my favorite in October at Marquardt Buick

Our racing season has been excellent with a well attended Samatha Rix Memorial Race, The GS Nationals that are of course second to none, the BOP race at Da Grove, a fun mid summer race at US 41, and the bonus of the Buick 100 year anniversary at Milan, MI. We have three more events yet this year including the Midwest Buick Challenge, the Fresh Air Finale and the BOP race at Cordova, IL that we would like to see many of you try. As our cars are getting older many of us are not pushing them as hard and still having lots of fun as the challenge of bracket racing is about consistency. Not having the fastest car at the strip in many cases is a bonus.

Our cruise schedule was less ambitious this year, but offered adequate opportunities to get our Buicks out there in force. I'm always impressed when we get a few Buick folks together at one spot. The reaction for other marquee owners is always interesting. To us that are into performances Buicks do not consider them rare, but many who have only noticed

Chevilles and Cutlasses in the past are often amazed, when they notice a Buick. On a Chevrolet fans web site a reference to the power of the Buick GS was noted. They went on to note the Buick GS was based on the Chevelle. How do they know that. Perhaps the Chevelle was based on Buick's Skylark. If that was true it certainly would make parts easier to get.

We are crafting our fall line up of activities. We are planning to have Ellen Anderson with Rally Insurance team up with a car appraiser for our October meeting. This will be held at Hubcap's Fifties Diner in Schiller Park, IL, on Sunday, October 19th.

Our November meeting is going to be a treat. The session will be at Pete Barton's ANS featuring the gang from PT&E presenting the latest in go fast technology. The great thing we will put this technology to the test on Pete's Dyno. I'm thinking this will be one of our most amazing sessions to date and will definitely be something for our members to not miss.

Finally our Christmas Party will be at the VFW hall again in Brookfield. We tried to find a similar facility with better parking,, but could not match the other features of this venue. There is parking at the Catholic Church parking lot southeast of the Hall for those of you who plan to show up a little later. As with past parties there will be no admission charge for members and one guest, and will offer the finest of Miller products, wine and soft drinks, plus the main course. This year we are featuring Midnight Mike the DJ that many of you are familiar with from the BCA car shows. This will be one great time.

We certainly hope to see you at the events that we schedule for our membership. We certainly understand you cannot come to all the events scheduled, but at least a couple would be great. Most importantly get the performance Buick out there and enjoy your investment. These are very classy cars that are exceptionally fast.

World of Wheels Chris Gatch

We are looking for a few good cars! The World of Wheels is right around the corner and we are looking for members who are willing to display their cars this year at our display. World of Wheels is being held this year at McCormick Place North January 30th-February 1st. I have had many people ask me and express interest in this show and now is your chance to step forward and show off your cars. If you are interested please contact me before December 12th. We only have 10 spaces available this year for our display so once again if you have interest please let me know.

I'm requesting the applications be sent to me and not to John Langston this year. This way we can make sure we are in the same area due to potential errors on the applications. I will then personally deliver the information to John Langston himself so that we can all be together as a club. Please call me at (773) 776-4794 or email me at CGATCH@PORTER-ATH.COM to discuss the details. Space is limited so call today!

Membership News Shari Bonecutter

Where, oh where has the summer gone? It seems like we only got back from Bowling Green about a month ago, not 3 months ago!

The summer season has been goofy, weather-wise, this year. We've had a lot of rain, some very hot days for crucial events, or some cold weather, too. Gee, sounds like a summer in Chicagoland!

We had our picnic in June, which turned out to be a nice warm day. We had a smaller crowd, but those that went seemed to have fun. One group went off to the junkyards scavenging parts. Another group stayed at Jason and Stephanie Stasiak's house, in the monster garage. They were sooo nice to let us hold the picnic at their house – you'll understand why later. I think Wayne and Chris did the honors cooking the dogs, sausages and burgers. Everyone brought a dish to pass, so we really had no shortage of food. Thanks to all that participated and attended!

We had a busy Father's Day – 'way too many things to do! Some went to the show in Lyons, some went to Belvedere, and some of us went to Great Lakes Dragaway for the B-O-P race. I do remember that Keith Eagan came in 2nd in his bracket race. We also had Rod Hendrickson place with his 455 Skyhawk and John Schmidt with his twin-turbo'd Opel. Original Paul joined the blown head gasket club, and has sworn that he will never race at Da Grove again – this was his second time to be towed home from there. Congrats to all that had something to celebrate!

The next biggy was the 4th of July car show. This year we had no rain, but it did reach 90+ degrees! Thanks to all that showed up - we really appreciate you taking time out of your holiday to share it with the club! As always, Frank Jackowiak worked his butt off for this show – he does behind the scenes stuff for at least 8 months every year! You don't know how much we appreciate it, Frank. There was a large bunch of BCA cars that showed up, too. What a classy bunch of cars they have! We also had our

great bunch of volunteers help – Barb Pedrak, Mark Holda, Wayne and Marilyn Bachar, Chris and Anna Gatch, Bob Hill, Mary Ferrari, Bob and Carol Nunes, Steve Russo, Dave Anderson, Paul and Linda Brelie – if I forgot someone, I'm sorry. O yeah – Frank's intern, whoever he was. (This is what I get for waiting almost 2 months after the event to write this.) This group is really a great bunch – filling goodie bags one night, giving up most of their holiday for helping with the show. What a crew!

We had another points race July 13 at Morocco – another hot one! Attendance was low, but maybe this was because of the weather. Paul Dubois and Paul Brelie worked as race chairmen, and Liz Stasiak took the tee shirt we awarded for best reaction time.

The days running from July 24-26 were full of car shows. One night was Crystal Lake, one night was the show at Franklin Park, and the 26th was the Ridgefest car show, in Chicago Ridge. Ridgefest was the first one that Bob Hill ran, and thanks go to all that showed up, helped cars park, judge cars, etc. Bob really appreciated it, I'm sure.

This weekend was also the part of the 100-year anniversary of Buick, in Flint, MI. I'm not going to rub it in to those that didn't go or didn't know about it. But I will say that it was an awesome event! A car display field of 1700+ cars! Amazing!

There were more car shows and cruises in between all these events, but I'm not going to give a blow-by-blow account about those that Loyd and I attended. There's some more in the schedule, too – come on out and show your Buick colors!

Member News

First of all, it is with great sorrow that we learned of the passing of one of our racers. Ralph Pote passed on June 11, after a battle with cancer. Ralph was one of our more serious racers – you could always count on him to show up at one of our races, along with his companion, Monty Fisher. Monty is quite the racer herself, too. From what I understand, you could find them at Byron most weekends. If you watch GSCA videos from the past, one of them starts out with scenes of Ralph's silver T on fire, going

down the track. (He was fine.) He also leaves two sons, one of which brought the T to the wake and did at least one burnout in honor of his dad! His brother Gary is also a member of the club. Ralph will be missed.

On the flip side, on June 13, Jason and Stephanie Stasiak welcomed their little girl, Alaina Nicole, born almost 2 months early and weighing in at 2 pounds, 12 ½ ounces and 15 ½ inches long. If we had held the picnic a week later, it would have been a non-event! My latest report has all doing well – in fact, baby Al was home by the 4th of July! She's now at 8+ pounds. The latest picture I saw shows a very cute baby.

Bob and Carol Nunes are grandparents for the first time. Ava Elizabeth is their granddaughter's name, arriving on August 11. Another cutie!

Welcome to the following new members – Bill Ostman, Lake Forest, IL; Tim Hagan, Bolingbrook, IL; Steve Guptill, Burbank, IL; Bill Burton, Kokomo, IN; Ralph Caccavale, Darien, IL; Charles Kulisek, Plainfield, IL; and Russell Breitwieser, Naperville, IL. Welcome back to Mark Busse, Mount Prospect, IL and David Hartman, Plainfield, IL. Thanks to all for your support!

Please check the label on your newsletter. If your membership was up in June, this will be your last newsletter. We should have an application in this issue – handy for you to fill out and mail to me at 4010 Raymond Avenue, Brookfield, IL 60513. Please send this along with a check for \$20 made out to "CCGSCA." Please don't let your membership lapse!

Upcoming Events

We still have some cruises and shows for September and October. I'm sure that Chris has covered these in his column. This past weekend we came up with a new kind of event. We're going to a **Drive-in movie** together. This will take place at **Cascade Outdoor Theater**, 28W741 North Avenue, West Chicago, IL on Saturday, September 27. What we're planning on doing is meeting at the Steak n Shake west of Route 59, on North Avenue – 320 W. North Avenue – at 5:30 pm. The gates open at 6:00 pm, so we'll drive in together. The Cascade knows that we're coming, and will reserve the first row or two for us to park together. You must bring your collector Buick to park with us. The theater advises that NO SUVs, vans or trucks will be allowed in the first 7 rows. As the days get longer, the times may change. So please check the website the week of the event or call Chris at 773-776-4794 to double-check the times. This is just a social event – we can bring chairs and sit together and talk about cars or whatever. It might be fun. The

theater is located east of Route 59, on North Avenue, on the south side of the street. I hope some of you can make it, instead of us "regulars."

Because of this, we've changed the date of meeting at Mickey's Gyros in Bridgeview from the 27th to Saturday, the 20th.

Racing

We have two points races left for this year. The Midwest Challenge is at U.S. 41, in Morocco, IN, the weekend of September 12-14. Bracket racing will take place on Sunday, the 14th. The last points race is Sunday, October 5th, at Byron, IL – The Playground of Power!" Please note that awards for the racing will be given out at the Christmas Party, December 6.

We're going to the B-O-P race in Cordova, IL just for fun. This is taking place on Saturday, October 11th. Some folks are going out the night before, and staying at the Best Western Frontier, in Clinton, IA. Their phone number is 563-242-7112, if you're interested.

Christmas Party

We've booked the same place as last year, the Brookfield VFW hall at 8844 West Ogden Avenue, Brookfield, IL. The party will run from 5-11 pm. The club will be providing the main dishes, and a competition will be held again for best appetizers, side dishes and desserts. Trophies and prizes will be awarded for these. This year we will have a D.J., Midnight Mike, and show videos of Nats from the past. We'll award the race trophies, and raffle off some cool stuff again. This party is free for each club member and one guest. If you are lapsed in your dues, or are bringing more guests, the cost will be \$5 each. I know that the parking is tight at this particular facility. If you can come up with an alternative place for next year, please let me know.

Club Car Picture Calendar

We will be putting together a calendar again this year, but need pictures of your cars. If you want your car to be a car of the month, please either mail a picture to us or email it to either loydb@chicagolandbuick.org or sharib@chicagolandbuick.org We always need cars and bios for the newsletter and the website, too. Same there – please send us something!

We will have new tee shirts available at the Midwest Challenge. We also have "Shock and Awe" license plate frames, cup cozees and some leftover license plates available.

So yes, again I've prattled on, but I think some of this info is important. You can mark your calendars with these dates early, for a change. I hope to see you at some of these events!

Does Your Insurance Company Value Your Car**As Much As You Do?**

When was the last time that you read your Insurance Policy? When was the last time that you spoke with your Insurance Agent and had them explain your auto policy? Reading your Insurance Policy is probably not on your list of exciting reading but it is important to understand how your policy works. There are several different ways to provide coverage for an automobile. By understanding these differences you can determine the coverage's that are right for you and avoid surprises at claim time.

Collector Cars are generally insured in three different ways. They are insured on the basis of Actual Cash Value (ACV), State Amount or Agreed Value. These terms refer to the settlement of a physical damage (comprehensive or collision) claim to your Collector Vehicle. These terms explain how the insurance company would come up with a settlement figure if your car was damaged, destroyed or stolen.

The car that you use for every day driving is usually insured on an Actual Cash Value (ACV) basis. When ACV is used for determining the value of a car it will adjust for depreciation and physical condition of the vehicle in the event of a total loss. This means that the insurance company will determine the value of your car after a loss had occurred. When the Insurance Company is determining the value of your car they will check resources such as local papers, NADA Guide or Kelley Blue Book in helping to determine values. These resources are fine for daily driver cars but you probably don't want it used for your 1973 Formula with the 455 SD V-8 engine.

If I was to use the example of a 1989 Grand Prix McClaren Turbo Coupe with 10,000 original miles, comparing the collector value to the standard valuation. Collector guides would set the value on this car to around \$12,000. The standard valuation sources do not recognize the McClaren Turbo and they would set the value to around \$2,500. Which of these settlements would you feel is fair if this was your car? Agreeing on a value for a rare option car can be particularly difficult.

Another problem with insuring a collector car on an ACV basis is that the physical condition of your car may be hard to prove after a claim has occurred. If your car has been stolen, the only Proof that you may have on the condition of your vehicle would be on repair records and photos. If you are insuring your car on an ACV basis, then it is important to keep all records and current photos of your car and do not keep these records in your car. An appraisal would be the best type of documentation for determining the value of your car. Keep in mind that depreciation is an

ongoing process and if your appraisal is more than 1 year old, they can depreciate off of its' value.

Another method for insuring vehicles is with Stated Amount coverage. This coverage can be rather misleading since it lists a value on the Declaration Page of your insurance policy next to the specific car that it pertains to. Stated Amount coverage is the most common coverage offered for Collector Cars. This coverage states that in the event of a total loss that it will pay the lesser of, actual cash value or stated amount. In other words, after your car is totaled the insurance company is going to determine the value of your car (just like they do for ACV). Once the value is determined, if it is more than the stated amount listed then they will pay you the Stated Amount. If the ACV is less than the Stated Amount then they will pay the ACV. Yes, you read this correct they are going to pay which ever figure is less. This probably doesn't sound like a great deal.

The theory behind this coverage is that the Insurance Company is looking at the value of your car up front at the time that you place your Collector Car on your insurance policy. Photos and an appraisal may be required to add the car on to the policy. Value is discussed and proven upfront before coverage is provided. If a total loss should occur, then they use the information provided at that time plus current odometer reading and documentation of any restoration efforts to determine the current value of the car. The good thing about this coverage is that much of the documentation has already been provided so in the event of a loss you are much more likely to come to a figure that is close to the Stated Amount. However; if no restoration efforts have been made and mileage has been put on the car, then depreciation is very likely to occur. This coverage requires constant documentation just like ACV. If your car is insured on this basis then it is important for you to look at the accuracy of the value each year. If it should be increased, then you should contact your agent and provide any requested information to justify the value. Once again, it is important to keep good records, current photos and update any appraisals.

What is a Collector Auto Policy (C.A.P)? This is a policy that is written specifically for a collector vehicle. This policy is geared towards the special needs of the car enthusiast. A car can qualify for a collector auto policy if it is either 15 years or older (if stock), modified to be a show car (no age limitation on this) or be of limited production or special interest. So a collector car can be anything from a 1926 Model 6-27 to a 2002 Regal GS. The car must be a secondary vehicle in the household and not relied on for daily transportation and it must be garaged. Collector policies range from having low mileage plans (1,000 miles or less) to allowing unlimited

miles. These policies have restriction on usage but in return their premiums are usually much lower than a standard insurance policy and the coverage's are usually done on an Agreed Value basis. These policies are not for everyone but they can provide excellent coverage to your prize vehicle at a very affordable price.

A C.A.P will usually insure collector vehicles on an Agreed Value basis. This coverage states that in the event of a total loss that the insurance company will pay the amount as listed for that vehicle on the declaration page. In other words, if you were to insure your car for \$25,000 and you should have a total loss, they would pay \$25,000 (less any deductible that may apply). The details of your car are provided at the time of adding the vehicle to your policy. Once the Insurance Company has agreed to the value, then that value is listed on the policy. If you should have a total loss, then that is the amount that must be paid. It is still a good idea to review the value every year and contact your agent when you have completed any restoration on the car that may effect its' value. The benefit to this coverage is that it takes the guess work out of claim settlement.

Modified cars can fall in to a completely separate category of coverage. When a car has been modified and the value of the car has been significantly changed due to those modifications, it is then important to have those modifications recognized on your insurance policy. Generally speaking, a car is considered modified if the car has been altered from original condition to enhance the performance or appearance of the car. This may include a bigger engine, change in exhaust, suspension or drive train, blower, roll bar, chopped, hydraulics and custom paint. A Modified car requires special claim handling which may involve fabrication of parts, custom paint and custom chrome. The distinction of "modified" can become particularly important when there is a partial loss and a car needs to be repaired. Not all red cars are the same, your restored 1970 GS Stage 1 might have 13 coats of Candy Apple Red Paint finished with a powder coat under carriage and your daily driver might have a standard red paint job. Would you want

the Insurance Company to repair the paint jobs on both cars in the same way? A custom paint job may require that the whole car be repainted which can lead to a significant increase in the cost of a claim. If you do not have the proper coverage, you may find that your Insurance Company will only pay \$3,000 for your \$10,000 paint job.

It is important to be up front with your Insurance Company about any modifications that have been done to your car. Do not assume that because your Insurance Company didn't ask about modifications, that they automatically provide coverage for them, this is rarely the case. Most Collector Auto Policies will provide either separate customization coverage or address the issue of Modified Cars by charging a different premium than they would for a stock vehicle. If this coverage is provided, then the Declaration Page of the insurance policy should make reference to modified or custom. Not all Companies provide coverage for modified cars. Many standard insurance companies (those that do not offer Collector Auto Policies) will only provide coverage for cosmetic modifications (such as a conversion van or pickup truck) and will not write vehicles with performance modifications. The coverage's that are provided for modifications and customization can be done on ACV, Stated Amount and Agreed Value basis just like the whole car is insured. Discuss with your agent or check your policy to see which basis yours would be insured.

There are many ins and outs to the insuring of a Collector Car. The best way to be sure that your car is insured properly is to either read your insurance policy or talk to an agent that you can trust. If you do either one, you should be asking the following question: Does my insurance company value my collector car as much as I do? If not, it may be time to shop.

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From the web: **Congratulations to Tom Rix on First Top Stock Win**

Congratulations to Tom Rix on his first IHRA Top Stock win at the biggest IHRA national event of the year in Norwalk, Ohio. Tom whooped up on four Camaros in his '70 GS Stage 2, and totally dominated the field. His 9.85@132.75 in the final was by far the quickest run of the race in the heads-up class. He beat the GM factory backed '67 Camaro of Monty Bogan Jr. in the final, when Bogan red-lighted. Because he knew he had to cut a light if he was going to have a chance to beat that big bad Buick.

Steve Cowell

Chicagoland GSCA wishes to extend our congratulations to Tom and Carol as well.

Cruise News*-Chris Gatch*

Greetings Buick Enthusiast!

I can't believe that the summer is here and almost gone. Where did the time go? It seems like just last week when we opened the season at Bauer Buick for their spring dust off! Now as I look at the calendar it's almost time for the Midwest Challenge and time to start planning the Christmas party!

Well there have been plenty of shows and cruises that many of us have attended so let me fill you in on all the fun and activities that went on so far and give congratulations to all the people that have shown up for some of them and won!

The first big car show gatherings this year were held on Father's Day. Some of the members were split between the many shows that were held on that day. I along with many others attended the Lyons car show and we had a great turnout of Buick power in attendance. Unfortunately this was a conflicting show because the same day was the Boone's County Show and the BOP at Union Grove. I know that quite a few members went to Da Grove and had a great time racing & showing their cars but unfortunately I don't think that anyone attended the Boone County Show. I heard that Stanley Hunt won in the GN/GNX class so congratulations go out to him! Well we did have quite a few winners at the Lyons show also and here they are: Bob Hill, Rich Fitzmaurice, Steve Pitts, Terry Klemmer and myself all came away with awards! Congrats to all that attended these great events.

We had our 2nd BCA show of the year at Woody Buick. We once again had a great turnout of CCGSCA members. There were a total of 14 turbo cars and 11 GS's. The day was beautiful the food was great and the soda was ice cold! So once again if you missed it you missed a good time! We also had some winners at this show. In the Turbo class I got a third place award, Bob Prestel took 2nd, and Bob Mr. Red Hill took home a first! This guy has a beautiful car but he is so modest and shocked when he won!

In the GS class there was one club member that won. Bob Kostuk took home a 3rd place with his beautiful yellow GSX! What a great car! And he only won 3rd! Tim Goheen won a trophy in the Riviera class, and Steve Ledger took one home, also. So like I have said before you have to come out to these shows to appreciate and see these wonderful cars!

I would like to thank everyone that came out to the Gerties cruise that following week. We had a total of 6 Buick's that show up for some great food and fun times. Also thanks for the group that came out to the LTHS show on that hot Saturday afternoon.

Unfortunately I was unable to attend this show but I heard that all had a good time!

There were a few washed out events that also happened. Downtown Elmhurst was a wash along with Downtown Riverside. We got plenty of rain for these two events but still had some members that braved the elements and showed up. A big thanks to them!

The 10th Annual Gorilla Days car show was held on its usual day, July 4th This is always a great show and big thanks goes out to Frank Jackowiak and everyone who helped to make this show go smooth for another year. We had over 185 cars that showed up and around 40 of them were Buick's. Once again thanks Frank you did a great job and it's much appreciated and thanks to all the club members that spent their holiday with us!

The Next big show was Buick's 100th Anniversary Celebration in Flint Michigan. This was one for the ages and all I can say is that it was awesome! The racing at Milan Dragstrip was great and the show was fantastic! There were cars from every time period as well as every make Buick had designed. This show was nice because you got to see a lot of cars that you would never get to see at local shows. There were over 1700 gorgeous cars there. I walked around for two days and didn't see everything that was on the show field. We had a pretty good turnout of club members at this event. The BCA Chicagoland Chapter even got an award for having the most members present at this event! The swap area was pretty decent but not a whole lot of parts for the newer cars. Let me tell you though there were plenty of pretty cars there and something that you shouldn't have missed! I heard that the Chicago Ridge show went off as a great success this same weekend. I heard that there were quite a few turbo cars that showed up for this event. So congrats to Bob Hill for a successful show and hope to see you there again next year!

One of the more recent shows was held at Loren Buick. This was a fun show and a lot of cars did show up even though the weather was a bit threatening in the morning! There were plenty of beautiful cars there to ohh and ahh over and even Woo-Woo over at the awards ceremony! Loren also had Buick's new SUV there on display. The Rainier, which was really cool, it stood out amongst all the older cars in front of the show field. They also had a 206-mile GN in the show room that was for sale! There were plenty of people that told me that I would look good in that car and I also said I would probably not have it long after the divorce settlement if I was caught bringing it home! After the food and festivities we had a few club members that won awards. Steve Ledger, Bill Grupp, Terry Klemmer and myself won nice trophies that were awarded in our respective classes, which was fantastic!

I would also like to thank everyone that came out to our Mickey's cruise night and to Buick night in Lemont.

These two nights were very successful thanks to everyone that showed up. The Ettelson show was that following week and I was unable to attend but I heard that Brad Berger and Mark Fitzgerald won awards for their beautiful cars in their respective classes.

We have a few more cruise nights scheduled before the end of the year so come on out and have fun and enjoy before winter is here and you can't! The Midwest Challenge is holding their car show on the 13th of September, which is a Saturday. We are also

having our annual end of summer cruise at Mickey's on September 20th from 6pm-? Make sure that you check the website to see what future events we will be attending as a club.

With the summer almost over there is not too much time to bring those great cars out and enjoy them. If you think that the first part of summer went by fast where do you think that the rest of it is gong? Well I hope to see you out there and remember to drive safe and to *Keep Going Fast With Class!*

Time for nomination of officers.

Please note the various functions needed to operate this Chapter on page 2 of this newsletter. Please contact one of the five volunteers on the list who are also our nomination committee. It is very important to have fresh ideas involved with the operation of the Club. Since Steve Jones will be retiring as our Treasurer this post will definitely be open this year, as well as Fast Times Publisher.

Winter Club Meetings/Tech Sessions - Just a quick run-through of what we have scheduled:

Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004 – Meeting and Tech Session at Casper's, Mundelein, IL. This meeting will also feature Jimmy's Transmission.

Sunday, Feb. 8, 2004 – T/B/D

Sunday, March 8, 2004 – Meeting and Tech Session at ANS, Melrose Park, IL. This meeting will feature H.R. Partsstuff and the AMP guys from KY. Not to mention our Chili Cook-off!

Classifieds:

Members may advertise in Fast Time for free:

1989 Pontiac TTA for sale: With 42,xxx miles on the car. Less than 500 miles on motor and transmission. Everything new from front to back inside motor and transmission. Forged Pistons, new camshaft, crankshaft, all new sensors, LT-1 and translator, 009's, adjustable fuel pressure regulator, k&n filter, SS braided lines, new hoses and SS t-bolt clamps on intercooler and intake, adjustable wastegate.

Transmission built very tough, shifts HARD!!! New tranny mount, SS lines, balanced driveshaft, new panhard bushings. New tires, interior is almost perfect, steering wheel needs recovered. Stereo works, controls in the wheel work, boost and Stoich gauge in A-pillar. Paint is a 7.5 out of 10. Body is an 8.5. Car overall is very solid.

Asking \$12,500 - Selling to get a low mile T-Type. E-mail: milesengineer@aol.com

Turbo 400 torque converter with 2400 stall \$100. E-Mail me at bd1320n11@msn.com Thanks

Saturday October 4th
 Marquardt Buick, Oldmobile, Pontiac, Cadillac & GMC Truck Show
 Marquardt Buick
 1421 S. Barrington Road
 Barrington, IL
 ½ mile north of Dundee Rd (Rte 68)
 Show hours from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM.
 Contact Scott Mich at 630-860-2021 days or scott@earlmich.com



Cascade Outdoor Theater - 28W741 North Avenue, West Chicago, IL on Saturday, September 27. What we're planning on doing is meeting at the Steak n Shake west of Route 59, on North Avenue – 320 W. North Avenue – at 5:30 pm. The gates open at 6:00 pm, so we'll drive in together.