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Bill Grupp's 1970 GS Stage 1 Convertible

I have never been the type of person that seeks the center of attention. But this 1970 GS Stage 1 convertible may have changed that at least a small bit. It seems to draw a lot more attention than I would have imagined when I bought it over 10 years ago.

I was working for a company that had its headquarters in the city of Chicago. Belmont and California to be exact. Merrilee and I had just purchased a house together and I found myself with a garage and a long commute. The garage was really nice. But sitting on the Kennedy expressway in Friday traffic was not. I started looking for a car to make the long slow drive home a bit more enjoyable. A convertible was at the top of my list. Had to be a Buick, of course. It didn't need to be real pretty. Just able to make the 75 mile round trip to work a few times a week during the summer. I spent about six months looking at the newspaper adds and some online listings (ebay did not

exist yet). Most of the cars I found did not even seem to be worth the money for the newspaper ad. Many had important parts missing or rust in places that seemed structurally important. Near the point of moving on to another idea, I ran across an ad for a 1970 GS convertible in South Elgin. I called the guy and got some of the story. From the phone description, it sounded like a really nice car for the price. But he did mention that he had interest from another out of state buyer. I let him know that I was really not interested in a bidding war but I did want to take a look at it since it was close to home.

That Saturday, I made the short trip down to his house. The car was parked at the back of a three car garage and it was clear that it had not moved in a long time. There was a pile of boxes and sporting goods that had been moved from on top of the car just before I got there. But, as promised, it was a dark blue GS convertible..

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Contact Bob Nunes if you are interested in helping our Chapter continue providing Buick Motorsport activities for our members. Fresh ideas are vital to keep the Club exciting. By distributing the work among more volunteers make it more enjoyable for all. The tasks are easy, generally fun, plus you will always have plenty of help.

Upcoming Events

- Jun 10 CCGSCA Cruise #1 - Toyota Park, Bridgeview
- Jun 21 – Great Lakes Dragway Race – Series Race 2
- Jun 23 CCGSCA Cruise #2 – Westchester, IL
- Jun 28 Drive in night – Cascade Drive In; West Chicago
- Jun 29 – Samatha Rix Memorial Race rain date
- Jul 4 – Gorilla Days Car Show in Woodridge, IL
- July 10 CCGSCA Cruise #3 –Riverside, IL
- Jul 12 – Great Lakes Dragway Race – Series Race 3
- Jul 16 thru 20 - BCA Nationals – Flint, MI
- Jul 25 Franklin Park Car Show
- Jul 26 - Buick Picnic at VOLO
- Aug 1 to 3 BPG HP Nationals in Hebron, OH
- Aug 2 – BCA Loren Buick Car Show in Glenview, IL
- Aug 22 thru 24 Midwest Buick Challenge at Osceola
- Sep 14 - CCGSCA Race #4 Byron Dragway, Byron Illinois.
- Oct 11 - BOP race Cordova Raceway, Cordova Illinois
- Oct 26 - CCGSCA Race #5 "The Finals" Byron. IL



Bill had the vision to see the beauty in this

On a quick look, it had several options that seemed nice, bucket seats with the auto console. It had a big block motor but the holley carb on top had been through at least one carb fire. The paint was blue but there was not a bit of shine left in it. It had Stage1 emblems on both sides but they were clearly not in the correct positions. And the original white top was now a nice dark gray with several rolls of duct tape on the corners. A bit more digging below some boxes also revealed a large dent in the upper trunk corner that looked like a bowling ball had hit it from about 20 feet high. It was clear this was going to be a project. Not that I was deterred. But it made a big difference in the price I was willing to pay. I thanked him and told him the price I was willing to pay if his out of state bidder fell through. Less than two weeks later, he called back and said he was on his way over to my house with the car. I didn't ask any more questions. It showed up on a flat bed and I was the now the owner of a third Buick

You should have seen the look on Merrilee's face when I told her I bought a car that did not

run. "How did you test drive it?" was the first question. "I didn't." I spent a few weekends after that just trying to clean the car up a bit. A careful car wash removed about 10 years of dirt from storage, but didn't do much to bring the paint back. The interior was not too bad. I found a couple dollars and a few beer can pull tabs under the rear seat. The trunk was full of junk. Some spare parts, a soccer ball and a bent rim. Getting it to run was the next task. I found a cheap used holley carb in the city and ordered a full set of tune up parts from my favorite NAPA. The engine was dirty, really dirty. So much so, I did not notice the chrome valve covers and aluminum intake until I hosed it off. The list of new parts kept growing. Water pump, alternator, voltage regulator, starter, fuel pump and every hose and belt in site. But with a borrowed battery from the 71, it cranked over, coughed out a big cloud of smoke and slowly came to life. But it was still far from drivable. Brakes, tires, center link, idler arm, tie rod ends, and a set of new tires and it made the first trip around the block. It was not pretty, but it was a convertible and it was a car again.

It made the trip to work on about a dozen Fridays that summer and also got some drive top for a week.

The more I drove the convertible, the more I realized how hard of a life it had. The front and rear bumpers were bent in several directions. The doors had large surface rust patches that had been brush coated with some kind of black paint and that dent in the trunk lid was way worse than I wanted to believe. There were holes cut in the inner fenders for headers that were no longer there. A bent rear axle was hiding behind a few spacer washers on the drivers rear wheel and the two inches of water that sloshed around in the well liner from the window leaks was just embarrassing. I realized I would not want to bring the car to a club event in it's current condition and there were way too many references to "The Blues Mobile" from friends. I decided it was time to start fixing up the convertible. I bough a new set of rear quarter panels and was lucky enough to find a guy parting a rear clip from a convertible. I cut off most of the back sheet metal and started trying to get rid of that big rear dent. It quickly became obvious that there were many other dents from previous accidents that were hiding below the chalky blue paint. Several in the door, a dent in the side of the gas tank. Even a dent in the firewall where the blower motor attaches. One front fender had been replaced and the other had about 3/4" of bondo hiding around the headlight. Very quickly, this became a much larger project. Four years passed and little progress was made on the car as house projects became a higher priority.

In December of 2004, at the club holiday party (remember when the holiday party was before new years?), I made a new year's resolution to get the convertible back together and back on the road. The kitchen remodel was done. The new deck was complete and I knew if I didn't get going, another house project was going to take over the summer. I was reading more and more on the V8 board about the Sloan museum and the documentation that they had available. They didn't have any history for my 71. So I decided to send away for the history of the convertible. About two weeks later, it

arrived. A full list of the options my car left the factory with. At the top of the list, the Stage 1 option. I could not believe it. I always assumed that it was not a stage car. The original engine, carb and distributor were long gone. As was the rear and. plus the Stage 1 emblems on the fenders were clearly not installed by the factory. But there it was, a matching vin for a 1 of 232 Stage 1 convertible.

Well, this changed the restoration plans quite a bit. Instead of just a quick patch and repaint, I decided to pull the body off the frame and fix that long list of issues that I had come across. I had never pulled a car apart that far before. But there were some great web sites of people doing it that made it seem like something I could handle. By February, the body was off the frame and my house was full of car parts. It's amazing just how much space a car takes up when it is disassembled. Not to mention that it now was using two spaces in the garage. Well, to keep on schedule to get the car back on the road, I decided to farm out some of the work I originally planned to do my self. The bare frame went to Bill Wesel of Metal Prep in Rockford. His media blast and powder coat shop made quick work of the frame. In less than three weeks it came back clean, and black. It looked better than new and made it easy to find the vin and Fischer part numbers stamped on it.

While the frame was out of the garage, I had time to strip down the rest of the body. Every last nut, bolt and bracket from the body was removed, and added to the pile in the basement. Once there was nothing left to remove, the body also made a trip out to Rockford for media or soda blasting, along with the fenders, doors, hood, core support, hood and trunk. Two weeks later, I had the part all back clean and rust free. The body came back in really good shape. No major holes in the floor. Just a few pin holes under the rear seat. The doors and fenders did not fare so well. The media blasting revealed more evidence of a hard previous life. There was almost no rust, but several large dents in each door were hidden by bondo and the trail of drill-and-pull holes looked like worms had eaten the metal

away. I welded up all the holes from the rubber trim which I never liked and welded over the holds from the previous repair work. One front fender was in pretty good shape. The other was wrinkled pretty bad by the headlight. So back to ebay looking for a passenger side fender. Two weeks later a used one showed up in Chicago. Not perfect, but way better than the current one and no shipping charges. I had planned on doing more of the body work myself. But, again to keep on schedule, all of the parts and the body went to Spring Hill Autobody in Dundee. They estimated five weeks to get everything straightened and painted, time I could use to get started on assembling the frame. Nine weeks later, I got the call that it was done. Seeing the car after it had been painted was amazing. It was shiny

for the first time in at least 10 years (maybe 20).

The reassembly went pretty smoothly but slow. The UPS and mailman would bring a steady stream of parts from Year One and OPGI. And weekly trips down to The Parts Place in Elburn kept my bank account almost empty for most of the summer. Plus, we now had a baby on the way. It was a race to see which would finish the first. Well, in October of 2006, the baby won the race and the convertible project was on the back burner again. It was not until August of 2007 that the car moved under it's own power and late in September 2007 it was back on the road again. It went to it's first car show before it even had a top.

Over Thanksgiving break I took the car to have the new top installed. So now it's complete.

,Please take a look at your mailing label. If it says December 2007 this is your last issue.

Directors Garage – Loyd Bonecutter

Another summer issue is already here and you have probably notices this issue is late. The GS Nationals came in a hurry with funky weather still continuing, with Buick Race Day at Norwalk right on its heels. What a way to start the Motorsports season with these two events nearly back to back.

As you can imagine the increased cost of fuel is affecting our hobby in predictable ways. It seems some cope by going to the longer events one day shorter to save the cost of an overnight stay to make up for the additional fuel costs, others are carefully selecting which events in which to participate.

For those of us who remember the fuel lines of the early 70s are just wondering when this will pass. The higher cost of a barrel of fuel has to drive other more costly or less efficient fuels into the market. These are interesting times

We have put together a relatively aggressive cruise schedule for the summer of 2008. Perhaps our members will be more interested in local activities this year. Sure am hoping to see you out there at our local events. Please let me know what the membership wants.

The membership is being affected more in this cycle than any other. We are down to 180

members, the lightest we have seen in some time. Maybe it is time to pass the baton to the younger generation. As our ten year old formula no longer seems to appeal to many Chicagoland members. I'm finding myself a better doer than organizer, so the reigns should be passed on to a good organizer's hands.

It has been great seeing members coming out to our events, plus the interest on the Bulletin Board about finding another place to Dyno our cars is very encouraging.

See you at one or more events.



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*Previous owner and operator of the
Buick powered Mustang*

Photo by Patty Charney

CCGSCA Cruise/Car Show Schedule 2008

When you are ready to take the car out for a cruise, please consider one of these fine events. Hopefully one is near your home, so the investment in you tank of fuel does not go away at one time.

CCGSCA Cruise Night #1

Tuesday June 10th, 5pm to 9pm
@ Toyota Park 7100 South Harlem Avenue,
Bridgeview
<http://www.nonamejustfriends.com>

Braconi's Pizza BOP Cruise Night

Wednesday June 11th, Time 5pm-9pm
@ Cross Creek Shopping Center
796 Royal St George, Naperville
Off Ogden Ave. between Mill St. & River Road
<http://www.doublekproductions.com/>

Buick Cruise Night Downtown Richmond

Friday June 13th, 6:00pm to 9:00pm
Downtown Richmond Historical District
<http://www.cascn.com/>

Lyons Fathers Day Car Show

Sunday June 15th, 8am to 3:30pm
Ogden Avenue & Joliet Road, Lyons, IL
Registration fee required

Buick Cruise Night Downtown Lockport

Monday June 16th, 6:00pm to 9:00pm
State & 9th Street
<http://www.cascn.com/>

BOP Cruise Night Downtown Elmhurst

Wednesday June 18th, 7pm to 9pm
Charter One Bank Parking Lot
First & Addison, Just South of the Tracks
<http://www.elmhurstcitycentre.com/>

Buick Cruise Night Downtown Frankfort

Thursday June 19th, 5:00pm to 9:00pm
Downtown Frankfort, IL
<http://www.cascn.com/>

CCGSCA Cruise Night #2

Monday June 23rd, 5pm to 9pm
@ Dominick's Shopping Plaza on the corner of 31st
St. & Wolf Road, Westchester
Food, Fun & Burnouts!

Drive-In Movie @ Cascade Outdoor Theater

Saturday June 28th
We will plan to meet at Augustino's Deli on the corner of Rt. 59 & Rt.64 @ 5:30pm to eat then drive in together around 7pm
<http://www.cascadedrivein.com/index.html>
1/2 Mile East of Rt. 59 on North Avenue, West Chicago, IL
Kids 5-11 only \$4.50! Pets & kids under 5 free!
\$8.50 Per Person (Folks stuffed n the trunks are free! That is where the Wildcats come in handy)

Woodridge Gorilla Days

Friday, July 4th, Noon to 4pm
Wilton Industries, I-355 & 75th Street, Woodridge, IL
<http://www.july4thcarshow.com>

Augustino's Rock-N-Roll Deli BOP Cruise Night

Tuesday July 8th, Time 5pm-9pm
300 West North Avenue
Route 59 @ Route 64, West Chicago, IL 60185
<http://www.doublekproductions.com/>

CCGSCA Cruise Night #3

Thursday July 10th, 5pm to 9pm
Burlington Avenue, Downtown Riverside IL.
Approximately 3 Blocks west of Harlem Ave.
<http://www.showcaseclassics.com>

Buick Cruise Night Downtown Westmont

Thursday July 17th, 6:00pm to 9:30pm
Parking on Cass Avenue in Downtown Westmont
<http://www.westmontspecialevents.com>

CCGSCA Event @ Franklin Park Car Show

Friday July 25th, 6pm to 9pm
Downtown Franklin Park
Registration Fee Required
*Please let us know if you plan to attend because will have saved spots for all of the Buicks!

Buick Cruise Night Downtown Wheaton

Friday July 25th, 6pm to 9pm
Front Street
Front St. Intersects Main St. & Railroad Tracks
<http://www.cascn.com/id13.html>

Volo Turbo Regal Day

Saturday July 26th, 10am to 4pm West Park
27582 Volo Village Road, Volo, IL 60073
<http://www.volocars.com/directions.php>

Rookies Buick Cruise Night

Monday July 28th, Time 5pm-9pm
2 Blocks East of Randall Road on West Main (Rt. 64), St. Charles, IL 60174

<http://www.doublekproductions.com/>

Buick Cruise Night Downtown Lemont

Wednesday July 30th, 6:00pm to 9:00pm
Lemont's Historical Downtown District
Parking on Main, Canal & Stephens Streets

<http://www.cascn.com/>

BPG Buick Horsepower Nationals

August 1st thru 3rd
National Trail Raceway
Hebron, Ohio

<http://www.buickperformancegroup.com/>

CCGSCA Cruise Night #4

Thursday August 7th, 5pm to 9pm
@ Wendy's on the corner of 79th St. & Harlem Avenue, Bridgeview

Arthritis Foundation 4th Annual Car Show

Sunday August 10th, 9am-3pm
Burr Ridge, IL
Registration Fee Required

<http://www.arthritisshow.org/>

Culvers of Franklin Park

Wednesday August 15 5pm to 9:30pm
2751 Rose Street

Rolling Meadows Cruise

Friday August 15th, 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm
Parking Lot at Meijers Super Store
Corner of Algonquin and Golf Roads

<http://www.rmcarclub.com/rmcinfo.html>

CCGSCA Cruise Night #5

Thursday August 19th, 5pm to 9pm
Downtown Berwyn Cruise Night

<http://www.showcaseclassics.com/>

Augustino's Rock-N-Roll Deli BOP Cruise Night

Thursday August 21st, Time 5pm-9pm
Schmale & St. Charles Road
Carol Stream, IL

<http://www.doublekproductions.com/>

BCA Heartland Regional

Wednesday August 20th thru 23rd,
Topeka, KS

<http://www.buickclub.org/>

Buick Midwest Challenge

August 22nd – 24th

Osceola Dragway

Car show Saturday 9am – 2pm
Osceola, IN

\$5.00 plus gate entry

<http://chicagolandbuick.org>

Marquardt Buick

Free show hosted by the BCA

Sunday September 21st, 8am to 3pm

1421 South Barrington Road, Barrington, IL 60010

<http://www.chicagolandbuick.org/>

Board members may not always be at all events listed. We try and make every event we have listed but things do arise. I know that everyone has busy schedules but please come out and support as many of these events as possible. Hope to see you out there Cruzin!

The 2008 Race Series Schedule:

The opening race for 2008 the Samatha Rix Memorial Race was called due to poor weather. With our local track's busy spring season, the rain date has been pushed back to June 29th.

I am encouraging our members to come out and try at least one of the race series. Joe Garcia works hard to make the races interesting with great gifts and cash outlays.

Since it is bracket racing all members have an equal chance, even with stock Buicks, so give it a try.

Race #2	June 21	Great Lakes Dragway
Samantha Rix Race	June 29	Byron Dragway
Race #3	July 12	Great Lakes Dragway
Race #4	Sept 14	Byron Dragway
Fresh Aire Finale	Oct 26	Byron Dragway

Please thank Joe Garcia (aka Turbo-Fun) for all the work he did in setting up this schedule. With all the other events already scheduled with the Regional and National events to work around this can be difficult

Membership Scribbling – Shari Bonecutter Hey, Everybody! How's the warmer months been treating you? Have you had the opportunity to get your pride and joy out yet? Loyd has had the GN and the Turbo Regal out, but my GS is awaiting a fuel injection. At least we have the other two to play with!

So for those who did not attend the GS Nats in KY, you missed a good one, again. The weather was kinda icky, at least on Wednesday and Thursday. They got in ½ day of racing in Wednesday, but called it on Thursday. But it's ok; it's not like you can't socialize with others at the various hotels and restaurants. The vendor attendance was down, probably because of both the Internet and maybe gas prices. The car show was down, too. I think there were as many racers as before. At least the pits looked full to me. I want to thank Paul and Linda Brelie, Barb Holda, Tim Kearny and Ken and Liz Stasiak for helping with the tent. The Chapter could not do it without you guys! We also had a bunch of folks that helped judge the cars, which we are extremely grateful for. There were a few newbies helping out this time, which is cool. This gives some new outlooks on things from time to time.

Congrats go out to Q-16 participants Lawrence Clark, Keith Armour, and Johnard Veal of Chicago, along with Bobby Don of Herrin, IL. Congrats go to Mike Zaffino of Midlothian, IL, for Runner-UP in Buick Pro-Street.

Paul Vilser took 2nd in the GSX class in the car show. Scott Nelson took first in Non GS/GN 1973 to present for his TTA. And Jo Pratt received yet another Gold in Concours. Congratulations to you all!

Two weeks after this, Loyd and I headed to Norwalk, OH for Buick Race Day. We had such a good time! Mother Nature cooperated with this event – the only rain we had was Friday night! The car show on Saturday went off without a hitch, and the racing was fine on both Friday and Sunday. It was great to kick back and get to know more Buick fans – they really are some awesome folks!

Chris has put together a pretty active cruise and show schedule. What he did was pick the Buick feature night for most of the cruises. The shows are mostly what we've been to in the past. We try to pick things for both the north and south sides – it's not always easy. You have to remember that the board members may not make all of them,

either. So this might be your opportunity to meet some new Buick folks.

Some of the highlights are the Drive Inn get-together on June 28, at the Cascade Drive-Inn in West Chicago. Our Gorilla Day Car Show is taking place on the 4th of July, as usual. Please join us for a part of your holiday, get an awesome goody bag and maybe win a trophy! As always, this show is free. The Arthritis Society Car Show in Burr Ridge on Sunday, August 10 is another good one, too – and for a good cause. Last but not the least, there's the Midwest Buick Challenge August 22 – 24, in Osceola, IN. The Indiana chapter will be doing the car show on Saturday, as usual. Our group has the track for Saturday, and will be sharing on Sunday. We had an awesome time last year and hope to repeat it this year. There is a flier in this newsletter about hotels. Please pay attention to the cut-off dates. This is taking place on Freshman Orientation Weekend for Notre Dame, and rooms are scarce. That's why we moved the hotels to Elkhart. But even there they are hard to come by. So don't wait!

We have a pretty active race schedule that Joe Garcia put together, too. We're scheduled to be at Great Lakes on June 21 and July 12; Byron on June 29, September 14, and October 26. There's the racing at the Midwest Challenge, and Cordova has their B-O-P race Saturday, October 11. Pray to the weather gods!!

I want to welcome the following new members: Gud Godek of Omaha, NE; Derwin Adkins of Chicago, IL; F. Gene Haney of Berwyn, IL; Adam Kazun of Warrenville, IL; Richard Neubisher of Antioch, IL; Nick Detlaff of Chicago, IL; and Russell Brown of Elliott, IL. I want to welcome back Chris Katseleas, of Berwyn, IL; Dan White of Munster, IN; Tom Valone of Essex, IL; and Tim & Kevin Stevens of Steger, IL. I hope we see you folks at some of the events!

We had a great friend pass away, at Bowling Green, KY during the GSCA Nationals this year. Glenn Dempsey had been a long-time member of both the BCA and the GSCA for a long time. He had a heart attack, and left us Thursday night. He will be greatly missed. Please see the obit elsewhere.

I think that's enough prattle for this issue. I hope you all have a great summer, and that your cars run wonderfully! I'm sure we'll see you at some event. Take care!

A few words about Glenn C. Dempsey

Glen went the way a lot of us would want, doing something he enjoyed immensely. Several tributes from the internet were read at the funeral, all from Buick boards. But the best one came from our Canadian friends – it was something like “We will always remember Glenn driving around the Nats in his red golf cart, drink in one hand, waving to folks, sometimes with one finger.” This got the best laugh at the funeral – and I know that Glenn was up there laughing with us. God speed, Mr. Buick.



The following was taken from the obituary handed out at the funeral

“Glenn C. Dempsey (Mr. Buick), passed away on Thursday, May 15, 2008, in Bowling Green, Ky. He was born June 12, 1941, in Owen-Withee, Wisconsin. He grew up in Waukesha and graduated from Waukesha South High School, where he also met and married Shirley in 1959. They would have been married 49 years on July 30th.

Before moving to their current home in Fort Atkinson, Glenn and his wife, Shirley lived in Dousman on a small hobby farm. They encouraged their three children to get involved in the 4-H beef project and were 4-H leaders for a number of years. Glenn drove refrigerated semi during the week and helped his kids with the farm on the weekends, which got him the handle of “Weekend Farmer”. They eventually sold their hobby farm and relocated to Fort Atkinson. Glenn and Shirley started Jefferson Transport Service (JTS) from their home in

1980 and then built their current facility on Industrial Drive in 1985. He was a member of the Wisconsin Motor Carriers Association and the Truck Carriers Association. Glenn prided himself on the fact that JTS transported locally produced refrigerated foods from Jefferson and the State of Wisconsin throughout the 48 states.

He retired from the business, which Shirley still runs, in 2005. During his retirement, he raised a Golden Retriever puppy from Leader Dogs for the Blind. After turning the puppy back for Leader Dog training, Glenn started transporting dogs for Wisconsin Adopt a Golden Retriever, which is a Golden Retriever rescue group. He also took in foster dogs for WAAGR until they could be placed in their forever homes. The first dog Glenn and Shirley fostered they immediately adopted. Glenn went on to foster two more puppies, while he still went on transports all over the country. Glenn was forced to stop his driving in 2007 when his eyesight became compromised due to his diabetes.

Glenn was also well known for his love of Buicks. In 1989 Glenn purchased a 1969 Buick Grand Sport for his wife Shirley. That car was a catalyst and Glenn's collection expanded to 10 cars, many of which he personally restored. Five of his cars went on to win five Senior Awards, which is a record for any one person to have. After winning so many Senior Awards, Glenn retired from showing his cars and was a BCA judge. Glenn was an expert on Buick Grand Sports and was often referred to as “Mr. Buick”. His cars were featured in the GM Collector's Guide as well as published in “Motor City Muscle” by Mike Mueller, which is a coffee table book about muscle cars. Glenn was a member of the BCA, Rock Valley Buick Club and the GS Club of America. Additionally, Glenn collected toy trucks and peddle cars which he displayed along with his enumerable GS trophies.

Glenn suffered a heart attack while attending his 25th GS Nationals in Bowling Green Kentucky.”

Cruise News -Chris Gatch

Hello everyone!

Will summer every show up? As of yet it hasn't, but I hope that by the time most of you are reading this article you will probably think that I am crazy for saying that? I hope that everyone that attended the Nationals had a great time as I missed it this year. I am already looking forward to going next spring.

Well this year's cruise schedule should not disappoint as I have included some new events as well as some old favorites. Please refer to the schedule in this newsletter for all the show dates and locations. I have added all the suggestions that were posted on the web site also so please keep them coming as this is your club and we need everyone to participate!

I tried something new with this last year, as I tried to include all the Buick specific events all across the Chicagoland area for anyone in the club that would be interested in going. I also set up specific CCGSCA club events where there should be definitely a few friendly faces to talk cars with. I know that some people went to events last year, and when they got there they said that they were the only one or so forth. Please remember that I put this list out there for you the club member to take a look at and if you are in the neighborhood to stop by if you like. It's hard to attend all of the events all around the Chicagoland area especially for the people that live way far south or north. So if there is an event in your area come on out and attend it to help spread the word of the club. You might meet some new folks, too!

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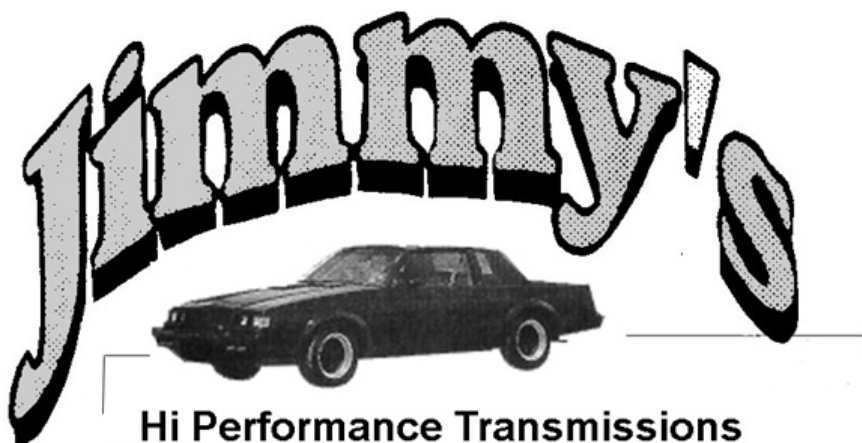
I would like to remind everyone that has internet access to please check the club website for last minute changes or additions as I am sure that I will be adding some more throughout the summer. Here are a few favorites that I would like to let everyone know about: We are still having our annual Drive Inn night at Cascade drive in located in West Chicago on June 28th, Gorilla Days which you should not miss on the 4th of July, and the BCA car show at Marquardt Buick later on this summer. We always have a good time there so if you can make it I'm sure that you'll like it! If anyone has any shows or cruises in their area that they would like the club to attend please let me know and I will add them to the list. Or you can post them to the website at <http://www.chicagolandbuick.org> Please post on the message board.

With the summer just starting up I hope to see more people getting out to some of our events and showing that club pride as well as showing off their beautiful cars. I know that the gas prices are not going to help the cruise season but try to come out to at least a few events if you can! Hopefully the prices will drop and we will be able to drive our fun cars around some more and still call it fun? I hope that I have scheduled enough cruise nights and shows for most everyone to attend. So come on out and go cruising this summer. Once again if I have missed any events or you have an event that you would like us to list or attend please let me know so that we can get it in *Fast Times* or on the web site. I hope to see you at some of the cruises or shows this summer and remember to *Keep Going Fast With Class!*

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Samantha Rix Memorial Racen – Rain Date

Sunday - June 29, 2008

Byron Dragway / Rock River Road / Byron, IL

Owner - Ron Leek @ 815- 234-8405

This is the annual race in memory of Samantha who assisted Tom and Carol Rix organize and run our Chapter's early spring events.

Race Organizers will be on hand to help our members have as much fun as possible on a spring day at the racetrack. After a long winter many of us are anxious to get our cars out for the season. Do not miss out on the shock and awe of Buick performance.

Soft drinks and snacks will be made available to members and racers at the Chicagoland Tent on the hill.

Please get to the track early if you want to test and tune before the racing. Tentative plans are for a driver's meeting at the Staging Lanes at 12:00 PM with eliminations starting at 1:00 PM. Changes will be announced.

Our two bracket classes will continue as follows. Winners will be collecting points for the season.

Bracket 1	Bracket 2
12.49 & quicker	12.50 & Slower



Directions

- ⇒ Interstate 88 west to Interstate 39
- ⇒ Interstate 39 North (toward Rockford) to Exit #111 - State Route 72
- ⇒ State Route 72 West 13 miles to the four (4) way stop sign at the bridge south of Byron.
- ⇒ Continue straight on Rock River Road instead of turning for State Route 72
- ⇒ Follow Rock River Road west about a mile
- ⇒ The drag strip is on the left

2008 Chicagoland GSCA Racing Series Events

Race #2	June 21st	Great Lakes Dragway
Race #3	July 12th	Great Lakes Dragway
Race #4	Sept 14th	Byron Dragway
Fresh Aire Finale	Oct 26th	Byron Dragway

CASCADE Drive-In

1000 E. North Avenue
West Chicago, IL
Saturday, June 28 2008

<http://www.cascadedrivein.com>

Information: 630-231-3151

South side of North Avenue about 1 ½ miles East of Rt. 59

Bring your collector Buick & park with us in the first row

Many of us meet at Augustino's Deli earlier for something to eat then caravan into the Drive in together at about 7:00 PM. The Drive In gates open at 7:00 PM

Augustino's Deli
300 W. North Avenue
West Chicago, IL 60185
630-293-8602

South side of North Avenue about a 1/8 Mile East of Rt. 59

If you cannot get there that before 7:00 PM, just come to the Drive in. We will be near the front.

Classic Car Show, Benefiting the Arthritis Foundation

**Teamsters Local 731
1000 Burr Ridge Parkway
Burr Ridge, Illinois**

**Sunday, August 10, 2008
10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

Get your motors running - bring out your classic car or truck, show off your American beauty AND help raise funds for Arthritis.

Directions: Take 155 to County Line Road. Go South to Burr Ridge Parkway and turn left. Follow Burr Ridge Parkway for about 4 blocks until you come to the Teamsters Local 731 parking lot, which will be on your right hand side. KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE SIGNAGE

Cost: \$15.00 per car – Spectators are encouraged to make a donation.
Additional Information: Contact Bob or Bonnie Starzyk at 708) 361-2943.

Classes of Cars & Trucks

Pre 1950's – 1980's & Trucks

First 100 cars will receive a T-shirt and dash plaque

Entertainment provided by Mike the DJ. / Plus food, refreshments, raffle and also a cash raffle!

A collage of images showing various Buick cars and engines. At the top left, a white Buick is shown with a large plume of white smoke rising from its hood. In the center, a close-up of a Buick engine is visible. On the right, a blue Buick is shown with its hood open, and other cars are visible in the background.

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A collage of images showing various Buick cars and engines. In the top left, a dark Buick is shown. In the center, a close-up of a Buick engine is visible. On the right, a blue Buick is shown. Below the main text, a yellow Buick is shown driving on a track, and a red Buick is shown. At the bottom right, a blue Buick is shown.

**Midwest
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A yellow Buick is shown on a track, with a large plume of white smoke rising from its hood.

August 22nd - 24th 2008

A white Buick is shown on a track, with a large plume of white smoke rising from its hood.

Osceola Dragway

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A red Buick is shown on a track, with a large plume of white smoke rising from its hood.