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Paul DuBois and his 1987 Grand National

As I think back about the cars that I have now, I remember a lot of history. Putting it all down on paper and making sense of all of it was not easy. For me, it started in high school. One of my friends got an '85 GN. I only thought it was cool because it had wheels like the General Lee and was black. Little did I know about it then, but it would come back to hook me later. I owned 2 Mopars in the past and was working on a '69 Superbee when I switched over to the dark side. The Super Bee was taking too much time, and I wanted to be out on the street now. I started doing some digging inside about what I wanted to have. I came back to that Grand National and decided that was the one. I searched around and found an '87 GN in Park Ridge. I ended up test driving the car right after a huge March 1998 snow and bought the car. Danielle said, "One car has to go," and the bee went. Soon, I went crazy with the GN. It started off as a 15.80 car and moved up from there. Now, the best pass to date is 10.68 at 127 mph. The GN has been through a few combos, but never fast enough. Everything that is done to the GN (good or bad) has been done by me, with the exception of the transmission (Jimmy) and roll bar (Folk Race Cars). The car has had a good history with many bracket wins and fun time in TSM in 2004 and 2005.

While I was working hard on the GN, I also started taking an interest in the GS cars. My wife and I picked up our 1970 GS 350 (Goldie) a couple years back and have enjoyed that as more of our cruiser. It has about 60,000 original miles, and everything interior and exterior is original. Continued on Page 3

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The Chicagoland Chapter of the Buick GSCA is open to all Buick enthusiasts and owners of Buick powered cars. Membership is \$20 per year, and includes a quarterly newsletter and much more. Apply online at the chapter web site or send dues with check made out to **CCGSCA** with membership form to:

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Please check the label on your newsletter. If your membership is up in January, June will be your last newsletter. Obtain an application from the website or past issue, and mail to 4010 Raymond Avenue, Brookfield, IL 60513, along with a check for \$20 made out to "CCGSCA." Please don't let your membership lapse!

Volunteers for the Chapter

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

Mar 8 – Meeting and Chili Cook off at Franklin Park

Mar 29 – BOP swap meet at DuPage County Fairgrounds

April 18 – Meeting & Dyno Day

April 19 - 2009 Larry Roesch Car Show in Elmhurst, IL

April 26 – Samantha Rix Memorial Race – Byron Dragway

May 12 to 16, 2009 – GS Nationals in Bowling Green, KY

May 29 to 31 - Buick Race Day in Norwalk, OH

Jun 1 – BOP races at Great Lakes Dragway

Jul 1 to 5 – BCA Nationals in Colorado Springs, CO

Jul 4 - Annual 4th of July Car Show - TBA

Jul 31 to Aug 2 -BPG Horsepower Nationals - Hebron, OH

Aug 8 & 9 – UB Draw at Byron Dragway

Aug 13-15 – BCA Heartland Regional – Appleton, WI

Sept 11-13 – BOP races at Byron Dragway

Sept 25 to 27 Midwest Buick Challenge - Osceola, IN

Oct 10 – BOP races at Cordova Dragway

Continued from page 1. I have made some passes with Goldie also, with a best of 14.63 at 90 mph. as possible and just keep it simple. I've tried to keep the GS away from the go fast sickness as best and just keep it simple. Some future plans for the GN is to utilize the Stage 2 Block I picked up a while ago and make the GN really mean. I also would really like to finish the paint work. As for Goldie, she's getting a 2004R this summer and hopefully air conditioning at some point to complete the

driving package. When to GN is finished, I would like to paint the GS also.

I would like to thank all my good friends that I have met and gained through the years and Danielle for helping with my madness. Steve, Gary, and Eddie have been with me since the beginning, and it means a lot to me to have them as my friends. My cars would not mean as much to me if I did not have all my friends to go with them. Paul DuBois







Upper left is the GN engine bay, upper right is the GS engine Bay and Goldie immediately above

Going to the GS Nationals as a spectator? Tickets at the gate cost \$20.00. The pre-registered tickets cost \$14.00, so you have to buy five (5) tickets with the \$30.00 early pre-registration fee to break even and nine (9) tickets with the \$50.00 registration fee, to be slightly ahead.

If you are planning on showing your car or racing, you have no choice, but to pre-register. The early pre-registration cut-off date this year is **March 14, 2009**.

Director's Garage

Loyd Bonecutter

It is time of the year to plead with our membership for help with keeping this Chapter going. Shari and I have been active with this chapter since 1997, so it may soon be time to hang up our accelerator petals. We have seen a lot of members come and go and have met a lot of great friends in the Buick community. Thank goodness Joe Garcia has seen fit to remain the racing program director, Shari Bonecutter continues to handle the membership duties and fill in when I cannot. Of course Beth Andrews does a fantastic job keeping the ads straight, and Paul Brelie sets up a lot of the activities. Without the quality job these folks do, this chapter would not have the quality events we do have.

We really need help to distribute small tasks that need to be done, to keep everybody from feeling like they are doing too much. The key to all of this is to keep politics out of the way and have fun with our Buicks, at motorsport events. It seems as we are getting older this involves driving our cars somewhere to eat, which is not a bad thing. Folks who can take on an event and run with it are needed the most. We will not let anybody hang out to dry with this as failure setting up an event is not an option. Most of us love just going

somewhere to be entertained, and facilitating that for folks is rewarding.

Joe Garcia has quite a racing season planned with three events at Byron, three events at Great Lakes. in addition to seven national, regional and local BOP days at our favorite tracks. There should be no reason you cannot find a chance to bring your car out to stretch it legs, I have the list, so here are the planned dates:

April 26 – Samantha Rix Memorial Race - Byron

June 20 – CCGSCA Race #2 - Great Lakes Dragway

July 19 - CCGSCA Race #3 - Byron Dragway

August 22 – CCGSCA Race #4 - Great Lakes Dragway

August 30 – CCGSCA Race #5 – Byron Dragway

Sept 25, 26 & 27 Midwest Buick Challenge

Oct 10- CCGSCA Fresh Air Finale - Great Lakes

The Fourth of July car show should happen, but there may be changes in location and scope. Being a Saturday this year brings challenges plus an opportunity for folks who may take the weekend out of town. We will keep you posted as there is another newsletter to be published before then.

The Chicagoland Chapter again will be responsible for the judging at the GS Nationals. For those going please set aside a little time Friday morning to help us out by judging at the car show. There are great combinations to see and we will be grateful for the help. The more that volunteer the shorter time it takes to judge the cars.

Some sad news about Perry Carlini's father

A stroke of the spine known as AVM put Perry Carlini's father Coach Carlini down for the count. He simply woke up one morning with the lower half of his body paralyzed.

News spread quickly through the tight-knit community of Des Plaines.

The former coach spent the next three months in five different hospitals meeting with dozens of doctors. He eventually had back surgery but with no successful results.

"It's still tough to believe for me," said Bryan Real, a former lightweight wrestler and student of Carlini. "Coach Carlini was a powerhouse, a mentor and a friend. He was inducted to the Maine West Coaches Hall of Fame and he means the world to all of us. He's done so much for so many years and now, it's our turn to give back."

The idea for a concert came up because members of the organization felt they needed a major fund raiser to

make a difference for the coach, whose funding with Medicare is running out. Coach Carlini and his wife are starting to sell all their assets to help pay for medical bills. If he were to accept Medicaid, his house would go to pay for future medical expenses.

Former students of Coach Richard Carlini created a foundation "The Teachers, Coaches and Students Foundation" to help support the retired Maine West High School wrestling coach who suffers from AVM (ArterioVenous Malformation).

Reba McEntire heard about their efforts and wanted to help, so she teamed up with her own mentor and country music legend, Red Steagall, to raise money for Coach Carlini.

The benefit concert will take place at the Sears Centre Arena in Hoffman Estates on March 21. Tickets go on sale Monday, March 2nd at 10am and can be purchased at the Sears Centre Arena box office, any Ticketmaster outlet location, online at www.ticketmaster.com or by calling

1-800-745-3000.

Membership News – Shari Bonecutter

Hi Everyone! Do you think maybe Spring is near? It just got cold again, as I'm starting this, but then that's February in Chicagoland!

I hope everyone's projects are close to being done, because before you know it, it will be time to get "the kids" out.

We've been a little busy the last 3 months. Well, maybe not so much in December. In January, we had our traditional meeting at Casper's Electronics. This was a triple treat, with Justin Spina, Jimmy from Jimmy's transmissions, and Paul Castle with some sweet repo pieces to display. All three did great presentations. John Spina was missed, but Justin treated us well. I think a lot of folks returned the favor, with parts ordered. We had our traditional pizza lunch, which I have to thank Linda Brealie for helping out with. As per usual, we could not have set up without Paul Brelie's and Wayne Smith's help. A big thanks to all who attended, too!

Our next event in January was the Christmas party. We had 92 guests there – I guess we were all ready to party! The weather co-operated, the food was good, and Midnite Mike the DJ did his usual fantastic job. We had some interesting raffle prizes, with one of the most popular being the Leg Desk Lamp from A Christmas Story movie. We also had a white GS model, a gift certificate for Omaha Steaks, a drinking checkers game, a Tom-Tom GPS system, and some bottles of ZDDPlus additative, among other items. I'd like to thank Steve Russo for securing the venue for us, and Beth Andrews for her help in setting things up. Barb Holda and Frank Jackowiak sold over \$700 worth of raffle tickets, which is a big help these days for the club! People who donated raffle prizes were Steve Kelly, Steve Ledger and Barb Carrol, Dave Formato, Paul Castle and Frank Jackowiac. If I forgot someone, please forgive me and drop me a line as to what, ok?

Frank put together a couple of barbecue tool boxes with a few bottles of Sauce King of Chicago. These are from the last batch of the sauce that was produced – those of us that are addicted will have to form a group and wean ourselves off of it. I think this sucks, but I also know that production prices have doubled and let's face it – we know what kind of economy is out there. So I'm hoarding my last case! Frank, your sauce will be missed.

February brought a second drag race expo, back at Pheasant Run. Loyd didn't go to this one so we have

no report on it. We did have a meeting back at Cars, Inc. on the 21st. This tech session featured Wayne Smith demonstrating some of the scan tools available for newer cars. Paul Dubois also gave us a good talk about brakes for the various collector cars, along with showing and telling some of the parts. Both guys did a most excellent job! Thanks to both of you. We had snowy weather, so attendance was down. But ya'll managed to eat all the baked beans and most of the hot dogs – I think the hot food was appropriate for the weather! Big thanks to Beth and Dana Andrews, for clearing out the shop and setting things up. Thanks go to Paul Brelie for bringing doughnuts, too. And the biggest thanks go to Dana's Manager, Brian, for letting us come there to begin with!

So now we're heading into March, and upcoming events. As you know, we have the chili contest/tech session on Sunday, March 8th. We've been refining our chilis, and I know others have been, also. If you've never participated before, please bring a crock pot or slow cooker full of your finest effort, along with a serving utensil. We will have zip strips and extension cords. The club will also provide bowls, spoons, soda, and water. There may be some other surprises there, as well. The grand prize is the traveling chef's hat, along with a gift cert. 2nd, 3rd and 4th places will also win gift certs. This year we will be having a 50/50 raffle, to help offset some of the costs. Mike Phillips will be in attendance, and he always has a great tech session. He's very good with a question and answer session. Joe Garcia will also try to get in a race info session. Hopefully we'll see you there!

The end of March is the B-O-P C swap meet at the DuPage County Fairgrounds. Please see the flier elsewhere in the newsletter. This is one of the best swap meets in the area. We'll be there with a table to handle membership renewals and whatever teeshirts we have left. Please stop by and say hi!

Saturday, April 18th will be our dyno day – again, please see the flier elsewhere. Also please let us know what time slot you want. You can either call one of us or grab a slot on the message board at chicagolandbuick.org. We will have a short club meeting and lunch will be served.

The next day is the car show a Larry Roesch Jeep/Chrysler Dealer in Elmhurst. Let's pray for good weather!

April 26th is the Samantha Rix Race, traditionally our first race of the season. I will have a race schedule

elsewhere in the newsletter. I hope we have a good turnout this year, and that the weather gods will smile on us!

So far for May, we have the 2 National events scheduled – the GSCA Nationals in Bowling Green, KY from May 12-16 and Buick Race Day, May 29 – 31.

For the rest of the summer, there will be more in the next newsletter. We will be meeting with Chris and some others to firm up car show dates, like the one in Franklin Park and maybe a cruise night at Toyota Park. We will have a 4th of July car show but do not know where it will be at this point. Please stay tuned to the website and the next newsletter for this info.

We will also be having an appraisal date with Mike Grippo of M & M Auto Appraisers, Saturday, July 18th. We're not 100% sure where this will be held yet, but a possibility is Cars, Inc. in Northlake. If you can think of someplace more south, please let us know. As of now, Mike is offering us appraisals for \$150 per car. This is about 50% off his normal price. If you've never had him appraise a car before, he does an awesome job with our cars. You will need to let us know you are

coming – and maybe put down a \$10 deposit to hold your spot. You will also have to do your homework on any add-ins on your car, to document them for Mike. But it all comes in handy to insure your car for appraised value, trust me!

And we have the dates for this year's Midwest Buick challenge. This will take place the weekend of September 25-27 at Osceola Raceway, Osceola, IN. We've not set the hotel info yet, so it will either be in the next newsletter and/or on the web site.

I'm still waiting for news about some prospective projects under way – boys or girls, lol! Larry Farneda wishes everyone to know that he and Jennifer are getting married June 13, 2009.

Please pay attention to your newsletter label. If it reads "1/1/09" that means that you need to re-up and pay your dues. Every penny goes back to the members in some form, either in food or the newsletter or raffle prizes. Please help keep your club fluid.

I guess that's about enough from me. I hope to see more of you out and about this spring – when it gets here! Stay safe, everyone!

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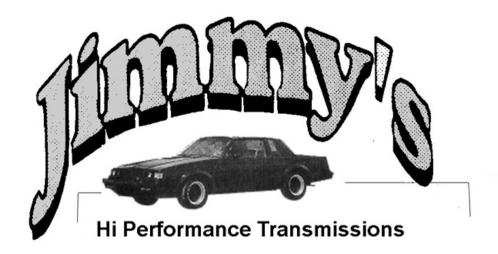
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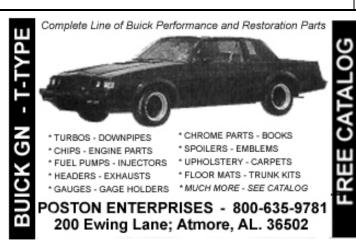


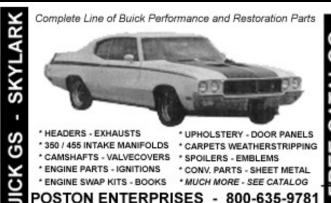
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Meeting, Technical Session and Chili Cookoff Sunday; March 8, 2009; @ 10:00 am (Note earlier time) Franklin Park Community Center

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Our third Meeting for 2009 will be at the Franklin Park Community Center and will feature our ninth annual Chili Cook off. This is the favorite event for many of us who by this time are ready to get our Performance Buicks out for the 2009 season. Besides this the chili is excellent. We will be presenting gift certificates to the winners again and of course pass the winner chef hat along to the 1st place winner. Unfortunately our past chef hat had irreparable damage due to a kitchen fire last year, but an adequate replacement will be on hand.

Mike Phillips owner of Automotive Machine & Performance in Owensboro, KY will be on hand to cover all aspects of building high performance Buick engines. Mike supports our chapter by coming up here every spring to share his extensive knowledge of the machining, head porting and assembly of Buick engines. If you are planning to freshen up your engine, need help selecting a camshaft or contemplating some headwork you should not miss this session.

If you have a favorite chili you would like to share with the group please be sure to bring some to sample. You might be surprised how much variation in the chili there really is.

We are looking forward to the presentation and of course the chili. Our regular business meeting will start at 10:00 pm before the feeding frenzy and before the technical session.

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- Continue past Grand Avenue to Franklin Avenue.
- Turn right (east) on Franklin Avenue.
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- East on Irving Park Road to 25th Avenue
- South (right turn) on 25th Avenue
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Samantha Rix Memorial Race Sunday - April 26, 2009 Byron Dragway / Rock River Road / Byron, IL Owner - Ron Leek @ 815- 234-8405

Joe Garcia has done a fantastic job of putting together the 2009 racing season. The first race is in memory of Samantha who assisted Tom and Carol Rix in organizing and running our Chapter's early spring events.

Race Organizers will be on hand to help members maximize their fun on a spring day at the racetrack, with their Buick. After a long winter many of us are anxious to get our cars out for the season. Please enjoy 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. Due to the church on a nearby hill Test and Tuning does not start until 10:00 AM. 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, depending on attendance. 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
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2009 Chicagoland GSCA Racing Series Events

Race #2	June 20 th	Great Lakes Dragway
Race #3	July 19 th	Byron Dragway
Race #4	Aug 22 nd	Great Lakes Dragway
Race #5	Aug 30 th	Byron Dragway
Fresh Aire Finale	Oct 26 th	Great Lakes Dragway

Dyno Session with Meeting Saturday; April 18, 2009; @ 8:00 am

P&L Motorsports - (847) 678-4311

3847 Carnation Street - Franklin Park 60131

Our third meeting for 2009 will be at P&L Motorsports in Franklin Park, IL. We are again trying a new venue. These sessions are a great way to try out all that Buick torque. These are the results from our fall session:

Owner	Car	HP	Torq	Owner	Car	HP	Torq
Jon Samuel	Grey '68 w/455	307	375	Bob Ward	LC-2 Porsche	309	400
Jeremy Race	IC 85 GN	228	631	Scott Pitts	87 GN	269	284
L. Bonecutter	Blue 86 V6	387	398	Dan Rocco	Blue 72 GS	371.7	369
Bill Grupp	Green GS 455	365	386	Steve Pltts Jr	87 GN	542	480
Paul Brelie	86 GN	320	349	P. Van Tholen	Red 70 GS 455	383	450
Jason	IC 85 GN	404	413	Steve Pitts Sr	87 GN	606	584

Cost will be \$70 for 3 dyno pulls with wide band O2 sensor readings. In floor Dynojet with all wheel drive capability. Pulls should take approximately 30 minutes per car. We have a ten (10) car minimum and a twelve (12) car maximum. Please make your reservation on the web site via the Message Board, we will be looking for a deposit since we had to prepay for half of ten pulls.

This will be a great session for our club members. Please bring chairs for the Event.









Directions from the North and east:

Directions from I 294 South bound (no northbound exit on Irving Park Road)

- From I-294 take Irving Park Road exit west toward Manheim Road
- Take Irving Park Road to the Rt. 12 & 45 (Mannheim Rd.) (next major intersection)
- Turn left (south) on Mannheim Rd. to Seymour Avenue
- Turn right (west) on Seymour about a block to Carnation Street.
- Turn left (south) on Carnation to 3847

Directions from I 294 North bound

- Take Lake Street Exit East
- Take Lake Street to North Avenue and continue east to Mannheim Road
- Turn left (north) on Mannheim Road and continue to Seymour Avenue
- Turn left (west) on Seymour about a block to Carnation Street.
- Turn left (south) on Carnation to 3847

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2009 APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

MEMBERSHIP PERIOD JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Website address - http://www.chicagolandbuick.org

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