

FAST TIMES

CHICAGOLAND CHAPTER BUICK GSCA

Summer 2012

Chapter of the **Gran Sport Club of America**; 625 Pine Point Circle; Valdosta, GA 31602

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Pro-Charged Beast owned by Steve Eckstrom

I was raised with Buicks. My Grandparents had them, my Parents had them, and I have an addiction that only the lottery could cure. I have owned many Buicks including rare 82 GN's, 87 GN's and GS Stage cars. I love them all. This particular car is nicknamed Weezy. If you ever get to see it in person you will know why. It is a 1970 Skylark with a 464 in it. What makes it different is the installation of a Procharger. It is basically a belt driven turbo. It is making around 7 lbs of boost. With the torque of a big block Buick + the extra horsepower of boost makes it a real fun ride. I acquired this car through a trade. It needed a lot of refinement. It still can use more. Here is the basic build.

1972 455 block, 040 over. 8:1 compression TRW forged pistons. Stage 1 heads. T/A 413 cam. Edelbrock performer intake. Holly 600 cfm blow through carb. P1sc procharger. 2004R transmission from a 9 second GN. Stock D5 torque converter. 10 bolt posi rear with 3.73 gears. It has manual steering and manual drum brakes at all four corners. (All Go and whoa!!). It has a

fuel cell in the trunk and runs on 93 premium gasoline. I will soon be adding throttle-body fuel injection, along with alcohol injection. This will make tuning much easier.

Of course you can make enough horsepower with a big block Buick to make it destroy itself without a power adder. So why the Procharger? It sounds cool, gets lots of looks, and is different. It is not for everyone. It is an expensive way to go - around \$5500 to get the basics. You need a good fuel system to go with it and you have to keep your timing backed down.

Unfortunately for this car, my future plan is to remove the drive train from it and install it in my 1970 GS that my parents bought new. I have been working on that restoration for many years and will hopefully be getting it finished in the near future. It will be my dream car. I am painting it red (I think) with black GSX stripes. It will have pearl white interior. I have purchased all of the hotchkis

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Please volunteer for our chapter to continue to offer activities

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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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Member's Change of Address

Chicagoland members who move are requested to notify our membership chairman before the next newsletter mailing. We do 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.

Membership Renewal

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, for too long.

Volunteers for the Chapter

Contact Bob Nunes if you are interested in helping our Chapter continue exchange ideas, gathering local car show and cruise night information or plan activities for our members. Fresh ideas are needed to keep the Club exciting. Distributing the work among many volunteers makes it easy for all. The tasks do not take much of your time, and you will always have plenty of help, while hopefully having fun.

Upcoming Events

Jun 15 – 17 Buick Race Day – Norwalk, OH

Jun 16 – Schepel Buick GMC Car Show; Merrillville, IN

Jul 1 – CCGSCA Race #3 Byron Dragway

Jul 4 – Car show in Countryside, IL one not to miss

Jul 22 – B.O.P.C Race at Great Lakes Dragway & Race 4

Jul 29 – Rizza Buick Car Show; Tinley Park, IL

Aug 3 & 4 – BPG Horsepower Nationals – Hebron, OH

Aug 24, 24 & 26 Midwest Buick Challenge – Oseloa, IN

Sep 9 – BOP & Race #5 at Byron Dragway

Sep 9 – CCGSCA Race 6 at Great Lakes Dragway

Oct 10 thru 13 – GS Nationals – Bowling Green, KY

Oct 13 – BOP Race at Cordova Dragway

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G-machine lowering suspension for it, along with 4 wheel disk brakes. It will be a combination of pro-touring and pro-street. I would like to thank Loyd, Shari and everyone who works so hard keeping the club alive. I have been a member of the National GSCA since 1991, and the Chicagoland chapter since 1994. I

have attended the GS Nationals every year starting in 1991 and brought a Buick to all but one of them. I am looking forward to many more.

Steve Ekstrom



Whistle while you work . . .

We are always looking for cars to feature. Now on the hunt for a Turbo Regal

Directors Garage

Now that it is near the end of May it is time to get the newsletter ready for the printers, then sent out. I have to admit the first five months of this year has slipped by very quickly and the car show and racing season, has caught me ill prepared. The Castle Buick car show and the Samantha Rix Memorial race were great warm up events for the season, with much better than normal weather for each well attended event. It was great getting out of the house and into the performance Buick.

Our winter technical sessions at Casper's Electronics in January, The Parts Place in February, Chili Cook-off in March and Sound Performance in April were great diversions in the mildest winter I can remember.

Bob Nunes, Joe Garcia, Camper Dave and I went to the Turbobuick.com Nationals in Burlington, NC. I remember kidding Joe about getting rental cars big enough to hold lots of parts, so he arranged Crown Victorias that were more than adequate. We ended up loading up Camper Dave with lots of parts to bring home. This event is well sponsored, and I recommend everybody who needs to get out of the house in early April give it a try. There is really nothing like it. One

Loyd Boncutter

treat was an Horseless Carriage Club 2012 Spring Meet based out of our hotel, in Burlington. My favorite was of course this 1922 Touring Buick.



That was one fine example of workmanship. With a 455 I'm wondering how long those tires would hold up, or at what speed the convertible top would inflate with only side curtains.



I found the Buick emblem from this era amazing. Now to just find the time to install all those parts, that Camper Dave brought home.

Joe Garcia has again pulled off an amazing race season for our Racing Members. For those of you who are shy to try, please let Joe know ahead of time and he will take you to the staging lanes before the race

starts to show you the ropes. Bracket racing is the great equalizer so no matter if your Buick is quick or slow, it really does not matter. It is fun being out with car enthusiasts on a nice day at the track. Just come out to spectate if you want to learn more about the sport before trying out. See the dates arranged on Upcoming Events on page 2.

Chris Gatch and Shari have come out with a great cruise schedule. We have tried to balance north versus south side cruises, and have picked the Buick or BOP cruises to tag along. I'm hoping to make a few more cruises this year. Well time to wrap this up and move on. Hope to see you at an event or two.

Here is the 2012 cruise schedule you have all been waiting for:

June 2012

- June 3 – Race at Great Lakes Dragway, Union Grove, WI
- June 14 – Frankfort Cruise Night, Downtown at Ash Street & Kansas Street, (Buick and Cadillac night)
- June 15-17 Buick Race Days, Norwalk, OH
- June 17 – Father's Day Car Show, 4200 S. Lawndale Ave., Lyons
- June 20 – Elmhurst Cruise Night, GM Night, Addison Road & 1st Street, Elmhurst City Centre
- June 21 – Oak Lawn Cruise night, Home Depot Lot, 4060 W. 95th St. 6-9 pm
- June 26 – Tilted Kilt Cruise, 6401 95th Street, Chicago Ridge, 6-9 pm

July 2012

- July 1 – Race at Byron Dragway, Byron, IL
- July 4 – Gorilla Day Car show, 6240 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL 10 am to 2 pm
- July 8 – rain date for Gorilla day show
- July 8 – The Cars Time Forgot Car Show – 2400 E. Geneva Street, Hwy. 50, Delavan, WI 10am – 2pm on the grounds of Lake Lawn Lodge
- July 9 – Westchester Cruise Night, 31st and Wolf Road, 5-9 pm
- July 12 – Barrington Cruise Night, 200 S. Cook St, Harris Parking Lot, B-O-P
- July 15 – Car Appraisals by M & M, at Cars of America, 1727 Chestnut Avenue, 10 am - ? See Flier
- July 17 – Toyota Park Cruise Night, 7000 S. Harlem Avenue, 6-9 pm
- July 22 – Race at Great Lakes Dragaway, Union Grove, WI
- July 22 – Brookfield Car Show, Intersection of Grand Blvd., Maple Ave. & Broadway Ave. 9:00 m – 5:00 pm
- July 24 – St. Charles Cruise Night, Riverside Ave. between Main and Illinois, 5-8 pm
- July 25 – Lemont Cruise Night, Buick Night, Stephens & Main Street
- July 26 - Oak Lawn Cruise night, Home Depot Lot, 4060 W. 95th St. 6-9 pm
- July 27 – Franklin Park Car show, Franklin Ave. between 25th St. and Ruby, 5-11 pm
- July 28 – Car Show at Jimmy's Transmissions,
- July 28 – Drive Inn Night, Cascade Drive Inn, West Chicago, IL See flier
- July 29 – Rizza Car show, Tinley Park, IL
- July 31 - Berwyn Cruise Night – 6906 Windsor Ave., 6-9 pm

August 2012

- Aug. 3 & 4 – Buick Performance Group, Heath, National Trails Race Track, OH
- Aug. 7 – Manteno Cruise Night, Main parking lot on Main St., Downtown, 6-9 pm
- Aug. 9 – Riverside Cruise Night, 17 East Burlington St., 6-9 pm
- Aug. 9 – Westmont Cruise Night, BOP, Downtown - Cass Avenue & Burlington, 6-9 pm
- Aug. 10 – Downers Grove Cruise Night, Downtown - Curtis & Main, BOPC
- Aug. 14 - Tilted Kilt Cruise, 6401 95th Street, Chicago Ridge, 6-9 pm
- Aug. 15 – Cary Cruise Night, GM night, West Main and Jandas road off Rte. 14, 6-8:30 pm
- Aug. 20 - Westchester Cruise Night, 31st and Wolf Road, 5-9 pm
- Aug. 24-26 – Midwest Buick Challenge, Osceola, IN – see flier
- Aug. 27 – Skokie Cruise Night, Parking Lot at Hungarian Kosher Foods on Oakton Street, 6-9 pm

September 2012

- Sept. 4 – Toyota Park Cruise Night, 7000 S. Harlem Ave., 6-9 pm
- Sept. 8 & 9 – Buick-Olds-Pontiac Weekend, Byron Dragway, Byron
- Sept. 9 – Race at Byron Dragway, Byron, IL
- Sept. 10 - Westchester Cruise Night, 31st and Wolf Road, 5-9 pm
- Sept. 20 – At the Office Bar & Grill Cruise Night, 4901 Cal Sag Road, Crestwood, 6-9 pm
- Sept. 25 - Tilted Kilt Cruise, 6401 95th Street, Chicago Ridge, 6-9 pm
- Sept. 30 – Race Day, Great Lakes Dragway, Union Grove, WI

October 2012

- Oct. 13 – Buick-Olds-Pontiac, Cordova Race Track, Cordova, IL
- Oct. 17-20 – GSCA Nationals, Bowling Green, KY

Membership Scribbling

Shari Bonecutter

Greetings from Frigid Brookfield! Here it is May 31st and it's only 49 and raining outside! Two days ago we had the air conditioning on, and today it's back to the heat. I heard that this might just be a one-day thing, so hang on, it will change!

We were in attendance for the B-O-PC swap meet the end of February. I want to thank Chris Gatch for getting up at the crack of dawn, and helping us set up our table and fetching stuff. You are a trooper! Chris helped us man the table, as well, along with Beth Andrews and Paul and Linda Brellie. I know I saw quite a lot of ya'll shopping – and thanks for stopping by and either renewing your membership or just saying "hi." It's always nice to see you!

Next was the Chili Cook-off. We had 14 excellent chilis – and various kinds from beef, beef brisket, lamb, pork, venison, and chicken. It was tough to vote, but everyone came through. Frank Jackowiak won first place, along with the traveling chef's hat. Chris Gatch came in second, Rick Scheri came in third, Brad Berger came in fourth, and Liz Stasiak came in fifth.

Thanks to all that participated, you helped feed a crowd! Special thanks go to Cindy Garcia for help getting the Park District for our event, and also to Bob Nunes, Steve Kelly, the Stasiaks, Linda Brellie, and Beth Andrews for their help. (particularly to Linda for keeping the chilis stirred during the presentations!)

We had a longer than usual tech session, also. Dennis Parus of Ride on Appraisals, Inc. and Michael Baker of his own Insurance agency gave nice presentations – Michael handles collector car insurance, which kind of goes hand-in-hand with the appraisals. Mike Phillips and his wife Paula made the trip here from Philpot, KY to hold his usual q-and-a session about big honkin' engines. I want to thank all of them for taking time out of their weekend to talk to us.

April brought our dyno tech session at Sound Performance in Bensenville. I thought it was going to be more of a turbo day, but we had a few 455's show up. All of them sounded so sweet on the dyno – kind of like indoor racing! I think we had 17 cars in all! The King of the Hill ended up being Paul DuBois with his Black Beauty, with the Queen of the Hill being Amy G. with another Black Beauty. We had a good lunch from

Brown's Chicken, and plenty of folks to talk to in between dyno pulls. Thanks to all that showed up, either with a car or not!

We've had one race, so far, in Byron, but it started raining for the semi-finals. It will be finished the next time we're at Byron – interesting, running the end of our first race and our third race the same day!

The BCA held it's Spring Dust Off at Castle Buick in North Riverside. They put on one heck of a show, and are gracious enough to invite our chapter. Quite a few of you took home trophies, including my car! Congrats also to Steve Pitts, Bob Kostuk, and Chris Gatch. If I forgot anyone, please forgive me.

Member News:

The Gatch's had their baby, a little girl named Samantha. I just lost my notes (again) but I do know that when she's awake at night, she's ready to party! I will ask Chris again for the particulars but congrats on now having one of each!

On a sad note, we lost a member in a motorcycle accident on Mother's Day. Clifford Bryan of Romeoville went to help the Big Mechanic in the sky. He leaves behind his wife Elizabeth and two daughters, Rebecca and Samantha. Cliff has been a good friend to his Buick brethren, always willing to give advice or help wrench on someone's car. He particularly helped our club by setting up the dyno tech sessions the last two years, along with helping secure the cars two years ago. He was also at some of our races up at Great Lakes. He will be missed – RIP Turbo Cliff!

New Members – we have a bunch of those! Welcome back to Jeff Froberg, Bensenville, IL. Welcome to Dennis Parus, St. Charles, IL; Frank Frisch, Rochelle, IL; Robert Koutsis, Justice, IL; Carol Gotling, Grayslake, IL; Mike Guarise, Barrington Hills, IL; Michael Vujica, Lake Zurich, IL; Nicholas Cruz, Elburn, IL; Jacob Pixler, Durand, IL; Donald Opolka, Antioch, IL; Freddy Mardice II, Crystal Lake, IL; David Smith, Lombard, IL; and Rob Cheatham, Island Lake, IL. Looks like quite a few of you are from the northern burbs. Thanks to all for joining our club!

Upcoming events – there is a listing of all the upcoming events for our club elsewhere in this newsletter. It includes cruise nights, car shows and races, both near and far! You have to remember that Loyd and I and the other officers cannot make all events so if there is someone at one of the events with a Buick, feel free to introduce yourselves. No, there is no secret handshake or anything – sorry, lol! Also remember to check our website at chicagolandbuick.org on the

Message Board to see if there are any additions or changes.

There are two events that I do want to push. One is the Appraisal Day – July 15, at Cars of America in Glenview, IL. There is a flier elsewhere in this issue. This might be the last time Mike Grippo will be coming back here from Nevada for a few years. He is offering us \$150 appraisals – like half off! Loyd and I know from experience that his are very thorough, and he knows his Buicks. If you need your appraisal updated, I'm sure he will work it out with you. Please reserve a time with either Loyd or I at 708-485-8477 or email us at sharib@chicagolandbuick.org. We will be asking for a deposit, to be applied to your appraisal cost, to hold your time. We will probably be holding a cook-out for lunch, too.

The other event is the Midwest Buick Challenge, which will be the last weekend of August, Aug. 24-26. We will have the get-together cruise-in on Friday night at Simonton Lake Drive-Inn, like usual. Saturday, we have the track to ourselves, and will hold an array of races - THS, BCO, Ladies, FWD, maybe a gambler's. I'm hoping to have another pulled-pork supper at the track. Sunday we will have to share the track, and have bracket racing and a Quick 8 race.

The host hotel is the Comfort Suites, 404 North Pointe Blvd, Elkhart, IN. 574-206-1555 and please ask for the Midwest Buick Challenge to get a group rate of \$72.24 per night.

We also have rooms 2 doors down at the Candlewood Suites, 300 North Pointe Blvd., Elkhart, IN 574-262-8600. This hotel allows pet on the ground floor. The group name is Midwest Buick and the price is \$72.00 per night.

Pricing for racing looks to be the same this year:

Friday - \$10 spectator; \$5 for kids 6-11; under that get in for free; \$20 racers

Saturday & Sunday - \$10 spectator; \$5 for kids 6-11; under that get in for free; \$40 racers



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<p>Drive-In Movie Night Cascade Outdoor Theater Saturday June 25th 7pm www.cascadedrivein.com</p>	<p>We plan on meeting at Augustino's Rock-N-Roll Deli around 5:30 which is located on the corner of Route 59 & North Avenue so that we can get a bite to eat drive in together around 7:00 or so with the show starting around 8:30pm.</p>
<p>1/2 mile east of Rt. 59 on North Avenue, West Chicago, IL \$9.00 per person / \$5.00 for Kids 5-11 Kids under 5 and pets are always free!</p>	<p>I don't know what the double feature will be but im sure that you will have a great time! Plan on bringing a chair (because we like to sit out and talk) and your classic car to this event, as we will have the spots reserved in front for the show cars.</p>

I hope to see you out there! For further information please contact Chris Gatch @ (312) 485-2983



Skylark

July Appraisal Session
 Cars of America Inc.
 Sunday, July 15, 2012 @ 9:30 am

Dana Andrew's shop in Glenview, has offered their facility for us to hang out for Mike Grippo of M&M auto appraisers. Please either contact Shari Bonecutter at sharib@chicagolandbuick.org or 708-485-8477 to schedule your appointment. We will also be asking for a deposit to hold your time and make sure that you show up. This deposit will be applied towards the cost of your appraisal.

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Saturday

2012 Saturday
Children under 16 free
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a Buick powered or bodied car into Show Except
for concours Judging)
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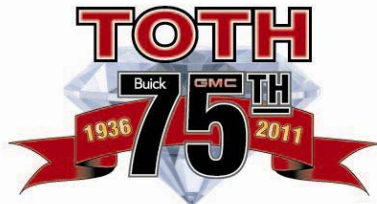
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8AM-4PM

\$42/Car & Driver - \$24/Spectator - \$10/Children 6-12
Includes \$12 admission to Track's Friday evening TnT (5pm), which will be refunded if leave with race car by 5pm.
Spectator refunded \$12 Child ticket refunded \$5

Saturday, June 16– All Buick Show

ARBYs -- 347 Milan Ave. -- Norwalk, Ohio

(Stock, Modified and Race Car Classes, Door Prizes and Trophies will be awarded)

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Peer Judging 11 AM – 2 PM Awards 3 PM
\$10/Car Entry Day of Show - Spectators Free

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7:00 PM - Buffet Dinner, Norwalk Eagles, \$20 Child under 12 \$10

Sunday, June 17

Summit Motorsports Park -- Norwalk, Ohio

(cash payouts and trophies will be awarded)

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“Quick 16” Program with Cash Payouts

(Quick 16 - Requested to Pre-enter)

Ladies and V6,V8 Bracket Races, TSO, TSM, THS & 2nd Chance Race

Delay boxes allowed only in Quick 16.

GATES OPEN at 8:00 AM

(Pre-entry Closes June 3)

Race Pre-entry	\$30/Car & Driver
Race Day Entry	\$40/Car & Driver
10x20 Vendor Space	\$30/Space
Spectators/Pit Crew	\$12 each
Children 6-12	\$5 Each

- For Information -

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