Winter 2013

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Bob Kostuk's 1970 Saturn Yellow GSX

I got into Buicks in the Mid 1980s when the need for speed prompted me to started looking for a muscle car other than a Chevelle. A 1970 Bamboo Cream GS 455 was spotted in the paper close by on west side of Elgin. This car of course had the need for window replacement, a core support inner fenders and a disk brake conversion was completed over time, with the car maintained as a backup. The overall great experience with this car led me when time and money became available to start looking for a GSX.

This finally happened in November of 1991 when a 1970 GSX was advertised in the paper for sale in Rockford. This car has had been in the former owner's drive way as a project he never had gotten too. This car originally from North Carolina was found by the previous owner in a field in the state of Virginia. Unfortunately the back window had been broken out for about 8 years so the trunk floor was rusted out and the interior basically trashed.

Diligence paid off with titles from the original states received and former owners were contacted to prove the authenticity of this car. Since that time Sloan offers services and has reconfirmed the originality of this car. I found the respective Department of Motor Vehicles for North Carolina and Virginia very helpful in these searches. This is GNX # 516 built in the third week of May 1970.

The first winter the GSX was dismantled in the garage. The rolling chassis was bead blasted in Bensonville at which point the extent of work needed was apparent. At his point the parts needed to be gathered were identified. When a number of major body parts were gathered it went to Countryside Customs for replacement of major components as filler between jobs. The trunk floors, wheel wells core support left fender and hood were replaced. Long time member Pat Sweeny was working part time for Countryside Customs and had done quite of a bit of this major work.

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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. 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 Ave; Brookfield, II 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

Jan 1 – Hangover Fest XIII – Cordova Dragway Jan 12 - CCGSCA Meeting at Cars of America - Glenview, IL Jan 25 – CCGSCA Christmas Party – Parkplace of Countryside Feb 9 – CCGSCA Meeting – World of Motorworks Feb 23 – BOPC Swap Meet – Kane County Fair Grounds

Mar 9 - CCGSCA Chili Contest - Darien, IL

Mar 29 – Texas Buick Nationals – Temple, TX

April 12 - Dyno Session at Sound Performance - Bensenville

April 24-27 - Buick Race Day - Norwalk, OH

Jul 4 - Fourth of July Car Show at Sleepy Hollow

Aug 1 & 2 - BPG Buick Horsepower Nationals – Hebron, OH August 22-24 – MidWest Buick Challenge – Osceola Dragway

Sept 19 & 20 - East Coast Regional's - Cecil County Dragway

Oct 15-18 - GS Nationals - Bowling Green, OH

Continued from Page 1 When the body was squared away and solid enough to support itself the frame was removed bead blasted and returned to Bob's garage for painting and assembly. Here suspension components, including rebuilt original calipers, stainless steel brake and fuel lines were added, the original transmission rebuilt and installed as the engine gone over, with a new exhaust system. When the frame was completed it was transported back to Countryside Customs for the body to be reunited to it.

At this point the car went to Royal Coach in Bartlet, IL for final assembly fitment and paint. Here it was discovered the cowl had been pushed back in an earlier collision on the left front and had to be pulled out. At this point Bob realized his choice of cars perhaps was not the best for this project and felt the snowballing effects this earlier decision was causing. In the end he really felt this GSX was worth preserving as they are difficult to find.

This process took approximately 10 years as the body work by Countryside Customs per Bob's agreement was completed when ever other work was not available etc. Therefore after some local trips to work the inevitable bugs out and gain confidence in the reliability and roadworthiness, the unveiling of the car happed on 9/11/2001, making it a bittersweet day.

The following spring the GSX made it's maiden journey to the GS Nationals in Bowling Green, KY. Bob had a blast, but had a feeling driving the car that far with the original 3:42 gear ratio leaved a lot to be desired as the engine was spinning about 2800 rpm to

maintain 60 mph. It was decided on the return trip to upgrade to a TH 200 4R from a Turbo Regal, for the overdrive feature that fall.



Since the restoration and addition of the overdrive transmission, I have driven the GSX approximately 21,000 miles. When the gage cluster was rebuilt the original speedometer was zeroed out, so the total miles on the car are not known. The car does retain the original stock differential with 3:42 gears, original rebuilt engine, and original rebuilt master cylinder as all components worthy of rebuilding from the car originally purchased in 1991.



Bob's Bamboo Cream GS 455

Thanks for reading about this great Buick that has provided hours of pleasure for my family.

Please contact Bob Nunes if interested in helping the Chapter. New ideas and ways of doing things are welcome.

Director's Garage

Loyd Bonecutter

As usual it is December 2^{nd} and the newsletter has yet to be completed. Thanks for your patience.

This fall has gone by so quickly, with great weather making for great times with our Buicks.

The September 8^{th} race at Byron was expertly covered by Joe Garcia in our last newsletter. I missed out on some great local racing as I went to Norwalk for the Buick Race Day Rain dates that same weekend. Got a lot of viable seat time in the Blue Regal over the course of the three days.

Did make it to Race 6 on September 28th at Byron. Lesson learned here is to pay more attention to details as I was having fuel related problems with the Regal. Race #6 Results Summary

Joe Garcia Winner
Brian Henrickson Runner-Up

Jack Fisher Top Qualifier .000

Joe Garcia Best Reaction Time .034

Run on Dial-in No Winner

The same day 89 Turbo Regal's made it to the Gathering at BW3 in Bensonville, IL Benny and Prasad really put on

a great event with sponsored gifts for those who attended, and perfect weather. Good job and I hope to attend a future event.

The following day was the BOPC Car Show at Marquardt Buick in Barrington. The Grand National went out for this excursion. One of three trips taken in this seriously neglected car for 2013.

October 12th took a group of us to the BOP Dragrace at Cordova. The fall events at Marquardt Buick and Cordova have to be my favorite events. The Regal protested with a total lack of boost control, after the newly arrived two step permitted me to launch at a higher boost. Minor tear down may be in order, but the car overall will be better and I have to rethink my boost control strategy

This brings us to the 2013 GS Nationals. All I have to say it was a great day and a half. Wednesday went fast, but was too wet and chilly to even open the Chicagoland Tent. The floodwater had returned to our space, so we could not even park adjacent to our tent, we still had to use tickets to enter the park.

Thursday morning was more of the same, but by afternoon was beautiful with racing on and great sales of our Chicagoland Tee Shirts. Friday morning was panic time as we gathered just enough judges for the car show. Thanks to the Steves (Kelly and Ledger) for guiding us through another show field of great Buicks.

Thank goodness I finished judging early as there were folks waiting at our tent to purchase Tee Shirts and renew. We not only moved all the 2013 event shirts except about 7, but did a great job of moving older inventory, making this a successful event. Bob and I had a great time running the Tent, with the help of Roberta Vasilow, Steve Kelly, Steve Ledger and Melanie Mauser. Hopefully we will be able to spread the fun next year, so we will have more time to run through the swap meet areas. Thanks to all who continue to support our chapter and stop by to say hello.

Our fall Chapter Meeting at Darien was well attended and was a great session to discuss future needs and upcoming events. Thanks to all who participated and offered advice on the direction of the Chapter.

Saw quite a few members at the Muscle Car & Corvette Nationals which ran Saturday, November 23rd through Sunday, November 24th, 2013. Buicks were well represented with Roberta Vasilow's 1970 G5X, Phil Roitman's 1973 Stage One Sun Coupe, and Andy Osterman's Grand National. I believe there may be more Buicks there next year so stay tuned.

Upcoming events include a meeting at Cars of America in Glenview where Dana Andrew works on January 12, 2014

So unless I see you before the end of the year, Please have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Please be sure to use your CCGSCA discount at one of the Insurance Agencies advertised in this newsletter.

Membership Dribblings

by Beth Andrews

The last months of the year are not a heavy renewal season, but that will soon change. In looking over the membership list we currently have 165 members right now which owns 149 - V6 and 164 V8 powered Buicks. An amazing even mix of cars. When you renew please be sure to update your car information as we know quite a few of you that have added to your stable of cars.

From the GS Nationals members came by the tent to renew: Michael Vujica, Frank Aristonamo and Dave Smith. At the Midwest Buick Challenge members Darryl Sigorney used some of his winnings to renew, Walt Judy and Russ & Karen Ciesiolka also renewed. We appreciate your continued support, and hope to see you at an event very soon.

Please note your membership expiration date is listed on the address label

Joe Garcia

Race Coordinator

Fun, Fun, Fun....Summarizes Race 6, The final CCGSCA race of the season. A big thanks to Byron and the Chicagoland Buick Club for the extra payout money making this the largest modern day payout for first and second place which also included semi-final round payouts.

The top three positions were not decided until the last race of the year. Throw in the bigger race payouts and record year end payouts, and it was a real thriller. The top three finishers will be sharing a \$500 Year End Payout.

There were only two groups at the track. Besides the Chicagoland Buick Club the Chicagoland Mustang club was there. There were very few Test and Tune cars. We were able to make 2 test run before our 2 qualifying runs. Four runs before eliminations is unusual but because the Tower failed to record our second run as a qualifying run, we were intimidated by Dan "The Rock" Rocco to continue on with 2 qualifying runs as planned instead of settling for only 1 qualifying run. Geeeez that Dan is Scary.: D:D

We had 3 cars bow out of eliminations because of mechanical problems. 13 cars went on to eliminations. Surprisingly Paul Brelie went out in the first round giving Dan Weilland a shot at first place. But Dan's vision for the top spot ended in the semi-final round when Joe took out Dan Weilland dashing his dreams of that coveted BC-1 on his window for the 2014 season. Dan will be back and I predict he will be a top contender in 2014. Rumor has it that Dan Weilland won't be sporting a soft top parachute on his car next year......A new car may be in the works. Joe went on to win race 6 in Tom Rix's beautiful Apollo...... :wink:

A Huge congratulations goes out to Paul Brelie on winning the 2013 CCGSCA Points Championship. I have to admit that it takes a little extra skill to dominate a field full of V8 cars with a turbo car. I can also testify that it's not easy being consistent in a turbo GN. Just a slight miscalculation in launch boost or RPM could drastically change Elapsed Time (ET). As far as I know Paul's turbo GN is all foot brake with no boost limiter or 2 step. Talent and skill can only describe Paul Brelie as he now has two championships and one second place finish in three years. Way To Go Paul...:!::D

Second Place went to Dan Weilland who I believe could be the most improved racer. Dan came on strong and gave Paul a run for the Championship but came up just short in the final race. Dan was one of the most consistent racers this year and his second place finish proves that. Congratulations Dan Weilland on a great finish and a great competitive spirit.

Third Place went to Dan Rocco. Dan has a confidence in himself and his racing ability that gives him a competitive edge above the rest. This competitive edge put him in the money in third place for the *CCGSCA* race series. Congratulations Dan on a great racing season.

Final Points Standings

1) 296 Paul Brelie

6) 238 Rich George7) 210 Pete Van Tholen

2) 272 Dan Weiland

8) 204 Bill Grupp

3) 265 Dan Rocco 4) 256 Joe Garcia

9) 200 Brian Henrickson

5) 240 Perry Carlini

10)187 Mike Zaffino

Nobody reported Running on their Dial-In, AND I find it hard to believe my 0.034 reaction time was best in eliminations. Nobody reported a reaction time to me either.

Thanks for another competitive year. Drag Racing is a passion not everybody is fortunate enough to participate in. I really, really look forward to next year. Every year I try to do something a little different to keep things interesting. If anyone has any suggestions for 2014 please call Loyd or myself and share it with us. Let's hope for a short and healthy winter and a quick return to racing..... GodSpeed!

This is the time of the year to think about renewing the GSCA and BPG membership

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Volunteer Page

Bob Nunes

Throughout 2013 our Chicagoland Buick Club was successful and those who attended our events seemed to have a great time. One thing we learned was just how much Shari did for our Club that we took for granted. Much of those behind the scene planning, preparation and reminding fell on Loyd's shoulders or just fell through the

cracks. Once we figured out what all she had done, we were able to move forward. My personal thanks to all that helped thought the transition, it was much appreciated.

This leads me to plead with our membership, we your help. Loyd continues to take care of the newsletter, posts on the web site, handles phone calls, E-mail, and

establishes venues and dates for most of our events. Beth and Barb handled two different event shirts and is instrumental in handling members needs at tech sessions. Paul has been Loyd's right hand man with events and tech sessions, and as it turns out is so much better at handling things that he realizes. Bill takes care of finances and banking, to keep our club solvent.

Joe handles the racing program so well; most of us do not realize how much work it really is. The chili cook off would not be as successful without Linda making sure the chili does not burn by stirring them as the meeting goes on. Denise really helped by taking care of the membership transition until she moved to the great white north. If I have left somebody out I am sorry.

We want our members to feel free to give any ideas to make the club better. Call us ask it there is anything you can do if you are going to be at an event. We do not bite and do not turn people away.

An example of help is the search for new places to hold tech sessions. Maybe you know of someone who could be a guest speaker at of our tech sessions. Joe can always use help at the races in setting up the latter with the tower's help and keeping the racers squared away.

I know at this point it seems I am rambling on, but these are some of the things that our members could help us out with.

Meeting, Technical Session and Chili Cook Off

Sunday; March 9, 2014; @ 9:30 am

Darien Park District

7301 Fairview Ave.

Darien, IL 60561

Our Chili Cook Off will continue at the Darien Park District as a great place to host this event. March brings as sense of being a little stir crazy. Time to show off your chilli. The various entries and variations of chili offered prove excellent to the taste buds. We will be presenting gift certificates to the winners again and of course pass the winner chef hat along to the 1st place winner.

Dennis Parus and Michael Baker will have presentations on the appropriate collector car insurance and keys to making sure you have appropriate appraisals and agreed amount insurance.

Mike Phillips owner of Automotive Machine & Performance in Owensboro, KY will be on hand to cover 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 and sponsoring the Midwest Buick Challenge.

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 good your chili stacks up to the competition. Many of us like it very hot and others like theirs milder, just like our engines.

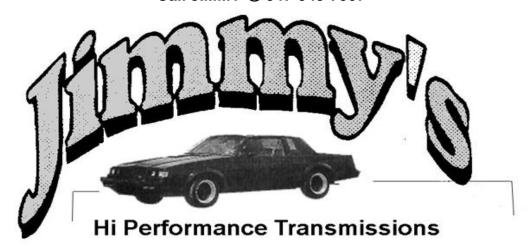
We are looking forward to the presentation and of course the chili. Our regular business meeting will start at 10:00 am before the feeding frenzy and before the technical session.

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Our initial meeting for 2014 will be at Cars of America Inc in Glenview, IL featuring Jimmy Hussion and Tom Rix and fun with the lifts as time permits.

There should be something for our V8 Buick owners as well as Turbo Regal owners. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Our regular business meeting will start at 10:30 am just before the technical session. Please bring lawn chairs. Yes, collect them out of the trunk of the GS or Turbo Regal where you had them for the last car show.

Cars of America Inc 1727 Chestnut Ave Glenview, IL 60025 (847) 724-6724 Jimmy's Transmissions 888 N. Tower Road Mundelein, IL 60060 Jimmy Hussion 847-949-9230









Directions to Dana's Shop

From I-294 at Willow Road Exit (mile marker 49) (2nd exit south of the Edens Spur)

- ⇒ * Take Willow Road East to Waukegan Road (go 10.9 miles)
- ⇒ * Turn Right (South) at Waukegan Road to Chestnut Ave. (go 1.3 miles)
- ⇒ * Turn Right (West) unto Chestnut and go 463 ft.
- ⇒ * 1727 Chestnut Ave Road should appear on the South (left) side of the road

Be sure to thank Jimmy and Dana for sharing their day with us.

If you want to sit bring <u>lawn or folding chairs</u> to the Meeting and Technical Session.

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Our second meeting for 2014 will be at the Paul Castle's World of MotorWorks at the new facility in Elburn, IL. World of MotorWorks features OEM and reproduction parts for Turbo Buicks.

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Directions to World of MotorWorks

Eastbound I-88 to Illinois 41(mm 109.5) Note: Eastbound exit and westbound entrance only Westbound I-88 take Sugargrove Exit IL 56 (mm 113) Note: Westbound exit and eastbound entrance only Take Illinois 41 north to E North Street (9.1 miles)

Turn Right (east) on North Street (0.4 miles)

Take the 3rd left onto Dempsey St (0.2 miles)

Dempsey St turns slightly right and becomes Hicks Dr

Destination will be on the right



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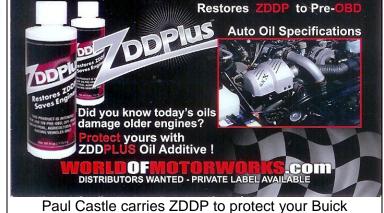
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