Winter 2014

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#### Tim Goheen's 1970 Buick GSX tribute

This is my pro-touring 1970 Buick GSX tribute. When I began building this car in the summer of 2009 it was a complete basket case. I had to replace all of the passenger compartment floors, the left quarter panel and the deck panel below the rear window.

The current engine is something that I threw together until I can build a stronger more powerful engine. it has hyper pistons and a TA 29202h camshaft. The heads are 73 Stage 1 castings that I ported myself. They have been shaved to bring the compression up. The stock distributor is equipped with a Pertronix 3, set up by Fred Catlin. Fred also set up the Rochester Quadrajet which resides on top of an Edelbrock B4B. The engine exhales through GSCA super scavenger headers, followed by a 3 inch X pipe and super turbo mufflers.

The transmission is a Tremec T56 magnum six speed with 3.90 gears in a 10 bolt differential with a positraction carrier. This makes for some impressive low end shennigans as well as low RPMs on the highway.

The chassis is set up to handle a little better than a stock GS. A fast ratio Jeep Grand Cherokee steering box makes for quick steering. Taller upper and lower ball joints were pressed into the stock control arms for better camber with stock appearance. The front sway bar is 1&1/4" while the rear is an adjustable one from Hellwig. I'm currently using Bilstein shocks on all four corners. The rear tires are 295/45/18 and the front tires are 245/45/18 on Ridler wheels. Disc brakes all the way around.

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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 Ave; 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**

Jan 24 - Holiday Party - Capri Banquets - Countryside

Feb 8 – CCGSCA Meeting at Eastwood in Alsip

Feb 14 & 15 Race & Performance Expo @ Pheasant Run

Feb 22 - BOPC Swap Meet - Kane County Fair Grounds

Mar 8 – CCGSCA Meeting & Chili Cookoff

Apr 11 – Proposed Dyno Day

May 29-31 - Buick Race Day & BPG Nationals combined

Jul 4 - Car Show at Sleepy Hollow, IL

Aug 1–2 – Midwest Buick Challenge – Osceola, IN ??

Oct 14-17 - GS Nationals - Bowling Green, KY

The combined Buick Race Day and BPG Nationals is one event that should be included in next year's schedule.

Need ideas for 2015 events. Please get involved in planning of events to keep our chapter fresh.

Continued from Page 1 Legendary Interior provided the Rallye bucket seat upholstery with larger bolsters. Shane Cassin of Cassin customizing upholstered the seats plus installed the headliner. The GSX steering wheel is from Duane Heckman's Classic Car Interiors.



the paint and bodywork was done by myself using Spies Hecker paint. I would like to thank my friend Pat Sweeney for helping me get the panels to fit just right.

Since completing this car, last year, I have won four car show trophies including 1st place in the street machine class at last year's GS nationals. I have also participated in some TSSC autocross events.



My future plans include finishing the A/C system; installing FAST EZ EFI.2.0 and having Rick Sliwinski build me a wicked motor.

I would like to thank my wife Alison for putting up all of the joys that come with being married to a gear head.

Tim Goheen - Lake In The Hills, IL

Editor note: Tim represented Chicagoland quite well at the autocross at the GS Nationals in October. Was fun watching him from the tent.

New ideas and ways of doing things are welcome, contact Bob Nunes or any board member.

#### **Director's Garage**

#### **Loyd Bonecutter**

Just put the finishing touches on the cover car for this issue. I've seen this car at the 2014 GS Nationals in Bowling Green, KY and the the MCACN at Rosemont, IL and am quite impressed with Tim's car. He has put together one fine car.

December when this newsletter was due, just flew by me. Hopefully this winter will fly by equally fast to be more tolerable. Miss the cars a lot

For those of you who tried to make the November meeting at Suburban Welding we apologize. We have had two successful meetings there that were a hoot. The owner just did not cooperate this year. First he called off the first date just days before the meeting, when Bob Nunes called to confirm. He set a second date that day and then just did not show up. We ended up at a nearby Denny's where we had a great time, but I understand our sheet of paper redirecting anybody that showed up after we had waited had blown off soon after we left. Obviously we will not try that place again.

The MCACN or Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, IL was a great event. The weekend of November 22 & 23 our members were well represented thanks to the efforts of Ajesh Parikh, whos car was note quite ready for the event. Buicks were well represented with Joe Pratt's GSX, Tim Goheen's car, Bill Sales' GSX, Pat Sweeney's Stage 2 GS, Ken Lisk's GSX, and Carl Rychlik's GS. Having John Csordas, Phil Roitman, Carl Rychlik, Ken Lisk with his daughter and Paul Ferry join many of us for a meal at the nearby Hofbrauhaus in Rosemont was a real treat. Better yet John and Phil brought my new shortblock that will later be assembled for the blue GS. This is an amazing show bringing amazing folks together right here in our backyard.

Relatively local at the Indianapolis Convention Center was the Performance Racing Industry Trade Show on December 11 through 13. The Show has 3200 booths covering 320,000 sq. ft. with booths for racing products, services, and machining equipment. It really

takes the three days to totally take in. My new cell phone registered over 19,000 steps the first day there, making it a healthy day except for the calorie laden full course dinner afterward. This year Camper Dave joined in as he was at a FAST XFI class that was being held in there as well.

Thanks to Steve Russo who has set up the upcoming Christmas Party at Capri's in Countryside, IL. Steve with Melanie Mauser, Beth Andrews and Barb Holda are the raffle prize committee that are hopefully collecting a lot of things to make purchasing raffle tickets worthwhile. Mike Heavrin will be our DJ again this year.

By now most of you have realized we have not set up a January meeting. The Christmas party will be our event for January. The committee for the Christmas Party has worked very hard to get plenty of raffle prizes that many of you look forward to. Please be sure before

you attend you let us know though our Facebook Page, the Chicagoland Bulletin Board, or leaving a voice mail at 708-485-8477. The voice over internet phone service for that number leaves us an Email that is distributed to a number of us. If you have attended in the past, I have probably already contacted you for an RSVP.

Am looking forward to the February meeting at Eastwood in Alsip in early February. We will be looking for a head count for that event as Eastwood wants that information for setting up. I know this is probably way too far south for many of you, but your participation would be appreciated. Again Please be sure before you attend you let us know though our Facebook Page, the Chicagoland Bulletin Board, or leaving a voice mail at 708-485-8477.

Have a great productive winter.

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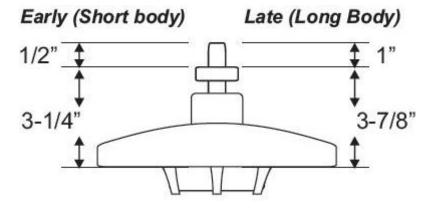
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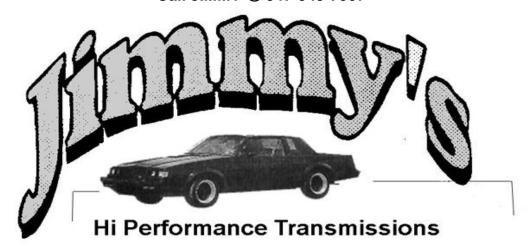


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# **February Meeting and Technical Session**

Sunday February 8, 2015 at 10:00 am CST The Eastwood Company 12100 South Cicero Ave. Alsip, IL 60803

Steve Pitts has been in contact with Trevor the Manager at the Eastwood store in Alsip, IL. On Sunday, February 8, 2015 there will be a Metal Buffing Class at the Eastwood Alsip location at 11:00 AM. We will need to provide a head count as the class sizes are Limited to quote their web site.

The Chapter meeting will start at 10:00 am. We will keep it brief as the primary reason for being there is the Eastwood Class.

This is one of many Eastwood classes that are almost every Sunday. Many are free.

- Saturday, January 10th Powder Coating sessions at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM (\$40 fee)
- Sunday, January 11th Rust Coatings and Repair at 11:00 AM (free)
- Sunday, January 18th Sound Proofing at 11:00 AM (free)
- Sunday, January 25th Sound Proofing at 11:00 AM (free)
- Sunday, February 1st English Wheel / Metal Working at 11:00 AM (free)

Our session on February 8 will be great for those who plan to add some polish to their cars. You need to reserve your spot, so be sure to sign up at the Christmas Party or on the Bulletin Board.

# Please bring chairs for the Meeting and Technical Session.

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