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CHICAGOLAND CHAPTER BUICK GSCA

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

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Tim Barthel's 1987 Grand National

First I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of the club. I have always had a love for cars. Since I was a baby, all my toys were cars and trucks and had little interest in any other toys. For me, the Buick bug bit when I was about 13 years old when I felt the potential of a little V6 that sneezed. My brother had taken me to his friend's house to go for a ride in his Buick Regal that was cloned as an 87 Buick Grand National. Prior to this my only experience with these cars was going for a test drive in an 86 T-type that my brother was looking to buy. It had no second gear and was pretty much all stock. So going for a ride in a car with an ANS built motor was a real eye opener! Down a side street we had hit 96mph with smoke coming off the tires through first and second. We got to the curve in the road and Pssshhhh. The wastegate opened and I was in love!

Years following I obtained a complete LC2 that I wanted to put into a S-10 or El Camino but the motor

just sat as I had decided to put nitrous on my s-10 since it was a daily driver rather than doing a swap. When I was 18, my dad and I bought a 66' Dodge Charger and that had occupied my time for a while, but still had a void to fill. So I began searching for a turbo Buick. After months of searching I found a clean 87 GN. I finally had a car I dreamed of. 11 years later I still have the car and it has gone through several changes and seen many miles in that time.

Through the years of ownership I have become very fond of Buicks and the unique vehicles that they are. In the last few years I have gotten involved with the Chicago area Buick gatherings and events. It was really after meeting Prasad and the Turbo Farm guys I wanted to help and be part of this great community. After helping with an event, I had decided I wanted to help keep the community alive and active. That's when I had decided to do a couple of Buick car shows on my own.

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Please volunteer to help our chapter to continue activities

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Member's Change of Address

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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 1005 Beau Brummel DR.

Sleepy Hollow IL 60118, 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 23 – CCGSCA Christmas Party – Countryside, IL

Feb 21 – BOPC Swap Meet at Kane County FG

Mar 13 – Chili Contest – Darian, IL

Apr 23 – Dyno Day at Sound Performance - Bensenville

May 4 - 7 – Turbo Buick Nationals - Burlington, NC

Jun 11 – Buick Powered Grapple at Gateway

Jul 4 – Car Show - Sleepy Hollow, IL

Jul 24 – Dick Miller BOP @ Norwalk, OH

August 28- CCGSCA club race- Union Grove, WI

Sep 10- BOP race- Byron, IL

Sep 14–17 – GS Nationals – Bowling Green, KY

Sep 24- CCGSCA Buick Show-Wood Dale, IL

October 16- CCGSCA club race- Byron, IL

Need ideas for 2016 events. Please get involved in planning of events to keep our chapter fresh.

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After a couple of successful shows, Loyd had approached me about taking over the club so he could "retire." I knew I would have big shoes to fill but was honored. And hopefully I can keep this club going strong.

As of the moment my GN has a mild built motor using JE pistons, stock crank/rods, mild TA performance cam, worked factory heads, 70mm PTE plenum/TB, PTE stock location intercooler, PTE 5858cea turbo, Turbo Tweak SD2 chip, Jimmy's Transmission, Auburn posi, along with some dress up items under the hood and Jax leather interior kit. Planning on making the switch to E85 next year.

If anyone ever has any ideas, comments, or concerns feel free to send me a message via Facebook or my email tbarthel@gmail.com



New ideas and ways of doing things are welcome, contact Tim Barthel or Bob Nunes.

2016 And Beyond

Tim Barthel

First I would like to apologize for the delay in getting out a newsletter. With change comes hurdles, but I like to think hurdles create strength. I am still trying to get my footing.

2016 has been quite a ride so far, you know like ride in a well running Buick. You're pinned to the seat and life just goes screaming by. It was a great start to the year with the Christmas party to get things started. Thank you to all those who helped out.

February was the BOP swap meet in St. Charles. It was a great opportunity to meet some of the members and check out all the vendors. We had plenty of membership renewals, a few new members join along with selling plenty of old event shirts.

Then shortly after we had a great chili cook off. To be honest it was my first time at the event and I am already looking forward to it next year. There were lots of awesome entries and jello shots. Yep, I was introduced to Paul's jello shots. I had no idea what to expect and I think I lost a few taste buds that day, but there great! After getting to socialize, eat great chili and release the club shirts that turned out great, it was time to crown a champ. The votes were close as there were unique and tasty fixings. But it came down to Joe McGowan taking 3rd, Juan Rodriguez as runner up and Steve Kelly taking home the crown. A perfect rainy day!

Then we came April and the Dyno day at Sound Performance. Seen some big numbers and beautiful cars topped off with some tasty chicken for lunch. 21 cars total strapped to the dyno, 16 of them were Buicks. The biggest surprise was a 2012 Regal GS with a 2.0 turbo 4cyl that put down 469hp/402ft lbs. But the award winners were Joey Deyoung's turbo LS 83 T-type and Rich Fitzmaurice's 71 GSX.

June was the Grand Slam weekend for Buicks with the first Midwest Buick Car Show at the Holiday INN of Itasca. After a lack of feedback, commitment and calendar conflicts we decided in place of a Midwest Challenge, Kenny Wells and the Indiana GS club along with the Chicago GS club decided to do a car show, swap meet, tech sessions and cap it off with the scheduled CCGSCA race at Union Grove. And what do you know, Saturday was a day full of rain! But we still had a nice showing of 50 Buicks and plenty of people to win some great prizes and trophies. And get a free car wash and shower, even if they didn't want one. It was still a great time and had lots of great sponsors and a few swap meet people set up. Made the best of it. Luckily the weather moved out Saturday evening and blue skies Sunday.

The Sleepy Hollow Independence Day Car Show definitely made up the string of rainy events since the first club race at Rt66 was rained out too. 160 cars came out to support the always exciting event. Between the parade, the fair vendors and all the beautiful cars.

It truly is hard not to enjoy the 4th of July festivities in Sleepy Hollow. It is fun for the whole family and hopefully the show continues to keep growing year after year.

Shortly after, the CCGSCA worked in conjunction the Joliet Raven's youth football to put on a fundraiser. And yep, you guessed it, RAIN!!!! Minus the poor weather, we still had 40 brave souls who brought their cars out to help support the organization. The Ravens sold concessions and raffle tickets and were still successful minus Mother Nature hurting the car count. Let's just hope the last CCGSCA car show of 2016 gives us better weather! Moving forward I would like to keep improving on events and try different things while preserving the great events we already have. I am open to hearing what people think, good or bad because that is the only way that things will improve. Along with members coming together to help out and thank you very much to all those who have helped out so this year. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Racing the Good Race

Tim Barthel

As everyone knows, a big part of the CCGSCA is about racing. Unfortunately the first race of the season which was to take place at Rt. 66 was, yep rained out! There will be a make-up date of October 16th at Byron Dragway.

Race 2(first race ran) Byron Dragway

With an 18 car field it came down the Pete Van Tholen lighting up the red bulb giving Bob Hoffman the win light.

Race 3 Union Grove

New club member Dan Zepnick took home the win.

Grapple at Gateway

This year we had several racers head down the Buick race event in St Louis. But not only did they participate but Keith Egan finished 3rd in the V8 class and Pete Van Tholen winning the V8 Class.

Race 4 Byron Dragway

This event was a special race for it took place at night. It was full of excitement and fast times. But at the end it was Dana Andrews coming in as runner up to race winner Joe Garcia.

So who will win the last 2 races??? Could be you! Come out and race August 28th at Union Grove or October 16th at Byron!

Also Congrats to Bob Hoffman on winning the 12.0 bracket at the Super Bowl of street cars. The NMCA event that took place at Rt66.

Current Club Racing Point Standings

- 1-Ed Wolters-139pts
- 2-Paul Brelie-128pts
- 3-Pete Van Tholen-120pts
- 3-Craig LaCour-120pts
- 5-Bob Hoffman-116pts
- 6-Joe Garcia-108pts
- 7-Brian Hendrickson-99pts
- 8-Mike Zaffino-97pts
- 9-Dan Weiland-95pts
- 9-Paul DuBois-95pts
- 11-Dan Rocco-82pts
- 12-Jack Fisher-71pts
- 13-Bill Grupp-67pts
- 14-Dan Zepnick-65pts
- 15-Perry Carlini-60pts
- 16-Dana Andrews-45pts
- 17-Dennis Butt-38pts
- 18-Rich George-35pts
- 19-Bob Nunez-30pts
- 19-Walt Judy-30pts
- 19-Steve Banger-30pt



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