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BACK TO CHICAGO by Mike Fleischer

I recently acquired this 1970 GSX from the 3rd owner in Michigan and brought it back home to Illinois. It was sold new from Bill Stillwell Buick in Downer's Grove. Fellow Chicagoland member, John LaPlant, bought it from the original owner and restored it over 10 years, later selling it to a collector in Michigan.

I have always been a Buick man, raised with Buicks, and worked for Buick from 1986-1994. My best friend Tom bought a '70 yellow GSX in '82 (for \$600, ...yes \$600) and we did a budget restoration, cruising, and racing with it in college. We spent hours studying every muscle car source we could find, and we appreciate every Detroit muscle car, but Buicks have remained our favorite. As a poor college student, he had to sell it a short time later; and though we have both longed for a GSX, we had to set our sights a little more modest.

I purchased a heavily-optioned, complete '70 GS 455 in 1985 and have slowly restored and rebuilt it over the last 12-plus years. I had come to question why I can't seem to get it "done". Working for a living was really interfering with my hobby! So after a lot of soul searching and debate, I concluded that maybe buying a thoroughly completed car was a smarter option for me.

Though I hadn't specifically set out to find a GSX, I answered an ad for this one and after seeing it, I knew it had to come home and I bought it on the spot. I had always preferred the Apollo White over Saturn Yellow, and this car was all I could have asked for. It has the optional Stage 1 engine backed by the standard 4-speed, and only 3 other options: power steering, AM/FM and tinted windshield. The original window sticker shows M.S.R.P. of \$4,867.58. It currently sports a set of repro Polyglass GT's and a full set of T3 headlights. Most pleasing is the original 35,000 miles! Even the clean carpet shows a Feb '70 date code.

In Bowling Green on Saturday, I was thrilled to take a trip down the track. Not a timed run (yet), but to pick up an unexpected and surprising 3rd Place (of eight entrants) in the '70 GSX Class from Friday's show! Thankfully, a little sunshine at just the right time.

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MEMBERSHIP POLICY & DUES

1998 Dues are \$15.00

<u>Fill out a form</u> & <u>send it off</u>! Send <u>Membership form</u> & Dues to: Lori Hoover, Chgo GSCA; 12311 Josephine Dr.; Mokena, IL 60448

Chicagoland GSCA Chapter Items for SALE!

1998 GSCA National License Plates Chapter Logo \$25.00 1997 GSCA National License Plates Chapter Logo \$20.00 1998 GS National 1/18th Buick GS \$55.00 1996 GS Nationals 2-hour videotape \$12.00 Coffee mug w/ Chicagoland GSCA Chapter Logo \$7.95 Coffee mug w/ your Buick and Chapter Logo on it \$14.95 **Baseball Caps** w/ Chicagoland GSCA Chapter Logo \$10.95 Baseball Caps w/ your Buick and Chapter Logo! \$12.95 License Plate Frames "Get a Boost, Drive a Buick \$6.00

To Purchase Items call: Kurt Hoover (708) 479-6306



1998 CHICAGOLAND GSCA EVENTS CALENDAR

\$2.00

Date Day Event Location

Chapter Window Sticker

June 6 Sat The 6th Annual All Buick Show - Gartner Buick, 4333 Ogden Ave., Aurora, IL 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Call Steve Kelly at 847-464-5933 before 9 p.m.

June 7 Sun 1998 Buick & Pontiac Days - Great Lakes Dragaway Union Grove, WI. Several club members made it to this event last year, and had a lot of fun. We might look into having a central area.

June 7 Sun Buick, Olds, Pontiac Super Sunday plus Speed Shop Showdown - North Central Super Gas assn., Cordova Dragway, Cordova, IL 9 am. (309) 654-2110

June 13 Sat Car Show - Rock Valley Buick Club of America - Zimbrick Buick Hwy. 12 @ Fish Hatchery Road, Madison, WI. Sponsored by Rock Valley BCA. Glen Dempsey 800-346-4266

June 14 Sun Meeting and Tech Session featuring John Spina of Casper's Electronics, Woodridge Resource Center, Woodridge, IL.

Swap meet at 10 am with meeting starting at 11 a.m. This will be the last Tech Session of the ** summer.

June 13 Sun All Buick Car Show at Zimbrich Buick in Madison Sponsored by Rock Valley BCA. Call Glen Dempsey @ 800-346-4266

June 14 Sun Chicagoland GSCA June '98 Meeting & Tech Session - Woodridge Resource Center, Woodridge, IL. Trunk Swap Meet - 10 am., meeting 11 am. John Spina - Casper's Electronics. This will be the last Tech Session of the summer.

June 17 Wed Cruise night at Bob Evans, 1776 McDonough St., Joliet, IL 815-725-0160

June 21 Sun 3rd Annual Fathers Day Charity Open Car Show, Central & River Grove, Maryville Academy, DesPlaines, IL. 773-774-5863 or 847-698-5463 Evenings or weekends

June 28 Sun Glen & Shirley Dempsey's Annual All Buick Picnic - Fort Atkinson, WI. See info later in this issue. Call Glen Dempsey @ 800-346-4266

July 4 Sat Woodridge Gorilla Days I-355 @ 75th Street at Wilton Industries. Frank Jackowiak (630) 655-0598, ITPPHOTO@aol.com. Co-sponsored with Chicagoland GSCA.

July 18 Sat 1998 Second Annual Picnic Burlington Ave. @ Hollywood Train Station, Brookfield, IL, 12pm - 4pm Car Show 4pm - ?? Picnic Brookfield, IL We have combined forces with Hollywood Motors (owner is a GSCA member) here in Brookfield to provide a bigger space to show off our Buicks. *Loyd Bonecutter* (708) 485-8477

July 25 Sat Race Date - Tentative - Call Hot Line

July 25-6 National Muscle Car Association Fastest Street Car Drag Racing Series - Route 66 Raceway Joliet, IL. Also includes EZ Street Class. Rule Books / info 800-213-4883 & Apr Car Craft.

Aug 1 Sat Cruise - Contaldo's, 119 W. Lake Street, Bloomingdale, IL. 630-980-4010

Aug 15 Sat Car Show - Brookfield, IL

Aug 22 Sat Race Date - Tentative- Call Hot Line

Sept ?? 1998 Drag Race and Car Show Dragway to be established Saturday & Sunday We are in the early planning stages of a two day event. US 41 was not sold so we are looking at Rt 66, or Byron to hold this two day event.

Oct 11 Sun 1998 Meeting & Tech Session Precision Turbo & Engine Sunday at 11:00 am This will be Harry's fourth meeting Hebron, IN A tour of Harry Hruska's shop with a great question and answer session. Harry is an expert on Turbo Regal, engines, ignition management, scan tools, and generally making them go a lot faster.

Nov 8 Sun Meeting & Tech Session Resource Center Sunday at 11:00 am Woodridge, IL Session on tire technology and what works on Buicks.

Dec 5 Sat 1998 CCGSCA Free Christmas Party To be planned Saturday at 6:00 pm Please hold this date for a great event.

Directions: Woodridge Police Dept.'s Resource Center

1) Off I-355 go West on 75th Street

2) Left at 1st Stoplight after Mc Donald's (Janes Ave.)

3) Right into parking lot on the NW comer at 83rd St. & Janes. (in center of strip mall)

Cruise schedule is also in this issue

Call the Chapter Phone line for up to date info!

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Chicagoland Director's Garage

Hi everyone can't believe the nationals is here and gone already, kind of just washed right by us HA! HA! Rain described the Nats in one word. Overall it was fun, got some time to relax and see some sights. *The tech session went very well thanks to Bernie and everyone that participated and helped out.*

We sold a lot of the new club shirts 2 designs (thanks Paul). We only have 4 models left and about 100 sets of plates so get them before they are gone.

I would like to touch on something here real quick, we are over 360 members and its a lot of work for everyone involved. We have a lot of good people in our club. To make all our events first class <u>it takes a lot of work</u> seeing out monthly meetings average 40-85 people, plus tech sessions, race dates, newsletter, mailings, etc. At most race dates we don't race our cars to make sure everything goes smooth. Seeing we are all volunteers we can't vote ourselves a raise like government can. So all we can do is ask for your help, however small it may be means a lot. So don't be shy about helping out, talk to one of the officers. <u>The only way we keep going and growing is with support</u>. I can't imagine trying to run a national event with the limited number of people the nationals has. How they do it every year and try to keep everyone happy (which is impossible) is amazing to me. I guess what I am trying to say is we are at our work peak so to go and grow we need everyone's help. I have never run anything like this before so its all new to me. Without Bernie pushing us all and volunteering people for things we would not be where we are at. But a small group of people can't do it all. So speak up and Help Us GROW FAST WITH CLASS!

Steve Russo - Director

STEVEGS1@aol.com (708) 873-0468

LETS HERE IT FOR THE CLUB

NOW 360 Members STRONG! And still Growing! What Buick Enthusiasm! We Need Your Help! With all the activities we have on the slate in 1998 it will be a chore to get it pulled off

The "Fall Midwest Buick Bash" is hoping to be a 2 Day Event with a Race and Car Show in one weekend. There are certainly *enough Buick Enthusiasts in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin* and the Midwest to make this a great event! Why don't you be part of it along with our other events!

And last but not least - We will be needing help for several events coming up. Volunteers are always needed.

Do you have any special skills that can help us out! Any Projects you would like to run? Or just plain want to help?! WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS A QUALITY CLUB! Please let Steve Russo, our Director, know at (708) 873-0468 if you can help out!

1998 Newsletter DEADLINES

In the interest of doing a better job of publishing the newsletter and avoiding members wondering when the next issue is due We have put together the following schedule.

Issue Submittal Deadline Message / Purpose

'98 Fall Aug 1 Fall Race Day

'98 Winter Oct 26 Christmas Party, Renewal

Chicagoland GSCA Web Pages

http://www.enteract.com/~loydb/index.html

We have added new members on the private page Email.html at;

http://www.enteract.com/~lovdb/email.html

this is **not indexed from the main page for privacy**, but is available to our members for their private use.

2 Co-Directors Page or the "Adventure of an older car"

Hello from a rainy Bowling Green, KY. I'm starting this article while hiding in the Best Western Motor Inn from the persistent rain. Overall the Nationals were soggy, the little racing we saw was excellent, and the car show was great.

Being new GS owners we are finding driving a 28-year-old car, an interesting experience. Never thought about missing the cruise control, center arm rest, remote door and trunk lock/unlocking feature, convenient seat belts, an overdrive gear, decent gas mileage, digital radio with seek functions, a real antenna, and dry trunk that newer cars offer. Remembering which car favors a tap to the accelerator pedal to set the choke and squish a little fuel out the accelerator pump and which does not, the reach for a column shifter when it is on the floor, and the need to use both hands to grab both halves of the belt to buckle up is always interesting.

Being a hard core Turbo Regal fanatic, I have found the instant speed on tap of the Buick 455 quite addictive. With the addition of some creature comforts and minor adjustments or repairs the GS 455 will be more than satisfactory. We have found it to be an adventure.

Shari maintains the car has history. When things quit working and we dig into the wiring harness, or some component, we typically dive into older repairs on a car this old. Most repairs were done by caring individuals (like Manny and Bernie) and some done by folks who just wanted the thing to work again and may not have understood or cared about the proper way the components should be wired or perform. Our latest experience was perfect looking mufflers with loose baffles and the interesting sounds and pinging this created. Now we have Flowmasters behind the 455.

We had a tune up this spring before the emission testing which yielded a 78 PPM (900 permitted) of hydrocarbons and 0.17% carbon monoxide (9% permitted) test. Steve Russo and our trusty local mechanic found some interesting past repairs (wrong heater valve) and faulty components (vacuum operated door actuator that seemed OK, but would not work) that kept the heater from working, which was a necessity this year for the Nationals. I've grown to appreciate the fact that any attempt to repair faults with this car is going to take longer than anticipated, since some interesting undoing may be in store. The shop manuals for the Turbo Regals detail the wiring harnesses and component location, where the 70 Buick Chassis Manual give good references to location and function, with no wiring harness details. Perhaps that was driven as new technology forced a higher level of detail, for the mechanics to be effective.

We are struggling with the fact that the General or most parts store computerized systems do not list our Buick GS. I've already had the local Buick dealer in Bowling Green indicate the gages in the car were not original, and only an oil pressure idiot light was standard in the car. I am surprised that most things can be obtained with a little digging, and plan to stock some key items just in case. We took spares for all the belts and major hoses with us to BG and back with essential tools to ward off evil parts breaking.

Our first round trip to the GS Nationals in the 1970 GS was probably as much fun as the event itself. Instant speed on tap creates memorable experiences. We are glad to be first hand witnesses to the performance evolution that Buick offers with the 70 GS 455 and the 86 Grand National.

Loyd Bonecutter - Co-Director / Webmaster loydb@enteract.com

Electronic Communication for Chicagoland GSCA

If you want a list of the Chicagoland Members on e-mail (or want to get your name on the list) please drop an e-mail to **Loyd Bonecutter** at his e-mail address: **loydb@enteract.com**.

Samantha Rix Memorial Race Report

We had 47 entries in with a good number of GS's represented as well as the Turbo Regals. Spring came too early this year as we had about 150 club members and friends with so many of us were not racing. Great day, great track with lots of great times in. We signed up 5 new members sold lots of Tee shirts and plates, and gave away 144 hot dogs, two cases of potato chips and 6 cases of iced soda to a hungry crowd.

3rd Annual Samantha Rix Memorial Race Winners:

Keith Egan - Overall Champion & GS Winner

Jeff Donohoe - Quickest GS ET - 10.98

Unknown owner - with Gold GS - GS Runner up

Chris Jacobs - Turbo Regal winner

Tom Slodkowski - Quickest GN ET - 10.49

Chuck Graf - Turbo Regal Runner up

Chicagoland GSCA T-Shirts

Chapter T-Shirts are here and they cost \$12- each. Paul Vilser has created two designs for Tee shirts that were so good we could not decide which one to use, so we had both made. You decide which one you want. We are accepting orders, for members please send \$12.00 and non-members \$14.00 with size desired payable by check to the Chicagoland GSCA to: *Shari Bonecutter at 4016 Raymond Ave.; Brookfield, IL 60513-1846. If your interested please give a call: Shari Bonecutter (708) 485-8477 or Steve Russo (708) 873-0468.*

GSCA Turbo Regal Technical Session shirt



Secretary's Comments

Hey, everybody, Time for my secretary prattle again.

We had an excellent meeting April 5th at the Woodridge Resource Center. The weather was perfect for Turbo Buicks. We decided to take advantage of the weather to hold a *photo session - a half circle of Turbos with my lonely GS in the middle.* Check out the Web page to see this. Anyway, we had approximately 75 people at this meeting - standing room only! We discussed the normal stuff, along with tee-shirt and license plate prices. We should have these items available at the Samantha Rix Race. We then tried to get a handle on all the cruise places and show dates that will be available this year. We'll pick what ones to endorse as official Club dates after the Nats.

The *Samantha Rix Race* turned out to be a really nice day, after predictions of rain the preceding week. We went through all the hot dogs - 144 of them - and a lot of the pop. We had *many helpers* that we want to *thank - Renee Bosma, Wayne & Marlyn Bachar, Roger Van-Scoyk, and Larry & Fran Barre. I hope everybody had a good time!*

From what I've heard from the "old-timers", the Nats were the most miserable in its 18 year history. I know that I've never been so damp and muddy in my life. It was still nice to get away, and talk to many different people. We saw an awesome amount of cars, even if a lot of people did leave early or not show up! We got to see a little racing. Saturday, and it was neat to recognize that *some of the fast cars were Chicagoland chapter members*. I guess we can always hope for warm weather next year!

Well, that's enough for now. Maybe we'll see a bunch of you at the Buick-Pontiac Day at Great Lakes Dragaway on June 7, 1998. Should be fun!

Shari Bonecutter - Secretary CGSCA

Dempsey's 7th Annual Buick Picnic on June 28th

On Sunday June 28th @ 10 am <u>Glen & Shirley Dempsey's 7th Annual All Buick Picnic</u> will take place in Fort Atkinson, WI. *There will be Door prizes, Trophies, Dash Plaques, Soda, Beer, Brats and Dogs plus Fun and Games.* You are asked to bring a dish to pass as there will be a trophy for the "Best Dish" and Best Dessert. *This is a fun filled day of Buicks that should not be missed.*

Directions: If you are coming Northbound on Hwy. 26 from Janesville, or other South points DO NOT enter Fort Atkinson at the first

"Business 26" exit. Continue on Hwy. 26 to the *second sign saying "Business 26"* exit which will be the North side of town. Come south into Fort Atkinson, about 6 blocks. Watch for FLAGS and Gran Sports on your left. Enter from Business Hwy. 26 across form Ralph Park.

For More info Call Glen Dempsey @ 800-346-4266 or 800-346-5551

BE THERE for BUICK FUN and Food!

WANTED - Buick Reporters!

Are you out there as a Spectator, Participant, Pit Crew, or whatever during all these Chicagoland Club meetings, Buick Car Shows, Shoot-outs, or other Car Events? <u>Please take the time and write up your views of what occurred and</u> <u>send it off to the editor</u> to get it published and let others know about what is going on out there. After all everyone can't be every place all the time. If you shoot some pictures get some double or triple copies made and mail them to Loyd Bonecutter so he can get them on the web and I can use them in the newsletter.

You can even e-mail articles to the editor at *DJTornow@juno.com* or by regular mail at *Devin Tornow; 5123 N. Merrimac Ave.; Peoria, IL 61614-4657.* If you need to send graphics or attach files with your e-mail send them to *DJTornow@bitwisesystems.com*

GSCA Nats Tech Session Review

It was a Home Run! 450 people! Up 100 from the previous high. Nothing but good comments from all that attended. The word is out and all those that did not attend, now know they missed something special!

Chicagoland Chapter really pulled together to put this on. *Thanks go out to the long list of members who made this Tech Session happen.*

Paul Vilser who did his usual great job on the graphics for our Turbo Tech Session T-Shirt! *Loyd Bonecutter*, who filled in for me in every imaginable way. *Steve Russo, Monte Yackle, Guy Arnold, Mike Arnold, Joe Harrington, Tom Mogler, Archie Anderson, Dave Anderson, Jeff Ferraro,* and *Brad Berger*, who videoed, sold pop and T-Shirts, ushered lost souls around, handed out Care Packages, and were group leaders, moving the groups around. Great job guys!

Shari Bonecutter, Renee, Kelly Yackle, Kurt Hoover, Bob Brachter, Frank Jackowiac and others from above, who helped stuff 350 Care Packages. And of course our members who were parts of the actual Dream Team; John Spina, Harry Hruska, Joe Lubrant, Tony DeQuick, and Ron Joseph. This was indeed a group effort. We done GOOD!

<u>Chicagoland Chapter showed what being #1 is all about</u>. We showed the way, and went the way. This will be the Tech Session by which all future Tech Sessions are measured. With all the rain, and complaining of lack of race time, this was the highlight for many attendees. We have had nothing but complements, from those that attended,-- and we can improve!

Chicagoland Chapter has grown is size, as we know. We have now grown in stature in the eyes of all the rest of the GSCA Chapters. *Thanks to everyone who helped make this happen. It was fun working with each of you to help make this happen.*

Bernie Rekus Tech Session Moderator

GSCA Director's Tech Sessions Comments

Dear Bernie and the Chicagoland Chapter,

You did an amazing job with the T-R Tech Session. It went as smoothly as if it had been choreographed for days. Some thought it would be a complete disaster; but I made it a point to tell them they were WRONG! I was there really the entire time and saw everyone soaking up the great info like a sponge. The guys giving there presentations did a super job! I thanked most of them, but a few I could not get to in time because they were surrounded by club members with additional questions.

Thank you all for the BEST Turbo Tech Session we've ever had.

Richard Lasseter - Director GSCA

Chicagoland GSCA Baby News

Frank De Luca and his wife have now completed their Tri-Shield with the addition of a new Grand National baby! She was born on Friday *April 3rd 1998* her name is *Francesca*. This is number three for Frank and his wife. *Congratulations to Frank and his wife* and Good Luck, it is no longer "one-on-one" any more!

Frank De Luca #147 fdgdafd@juno.com

WANTED: CGSCA Cover Cars!

Here is your chance to share your special Buick (or Buick powered) vehicle with other club members. *Don't just sit in the background hiding your ride, let's get it published!* You don't have to worry about it being unfinished it's still of interest!

Write up a nice *story* of how you found your ride and what makes special to you. *You can include the specs but don't forget the story.* Show us what makes your adrenaline flow when you drive your Buick. We also need a *good picture* of your Buick that can fit on the cover. Please send all articles to the editor and include a picture.

1998 GSCA Nationals License Plates

<u>Special Chicagoland Chapter License Plates</u> are here again for 1998! *Paul Vilser* did the design work on this years plates so we could show our *Buick Enthusiasm* at the Nats in 1998.



The 1998 plates are \$25 to members and \$35 to non members. To get a set call Frank Jackowiak (630) 655-0598 till 10 PM.; or by mail at Frank Jackowiak; CGSCA Plates; 313 Plainfield Rd.; Darien, IL 60561 or ITPPHOTO@aol.com. Send number choices, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. along with payment. Inquire about deals of matching 97 and 98 plate numbers sold as a pair ! (You might want to include instructions on when or how you could pick up your plates, at a chapter meeting, from a Chapter officer, or what).

Whoooosh

A *GS club member* takes his *Turbo Regal* out for a spin and stops for a red light. *An old man on a moped pulls up next to him. The* old man looks over the car and asks, "What kind of car ya' got there, sonny?"

The GS club member replies, "Turbo Regal. It is the best and quickest car on the street!"

The old man asks, "Can I take a look inside?" "Sure", replies the owner. So, the old man pokes his head in the window and looks around. Leaning back on his moped, the old man says "That's a pretty nice car, all right!" Just then, the light changes, so the guy decides to show the old man what his *Turbo Regal* can do. *He floors it, and within 11 seconds the speedometer reads 120 mph*. Suddenly, he notices a dot in his rear view mirror. It seems to be getting closer! He slows down to see what it could be and suddenly, *whhhooossshhh! Something whips by him, going much faster!*

"What on earth could be going faster than my Turbo Regal?" the GS club member asks himself. Then, ahead of him, he sees a dot coming toward him. Whooooosh! It goes by again, heading the opposite direction! And, it almost looked like the old man on the moped! "Couldn't be," thinks the GS club member "How could a moped outrun a Turbo Regal?"

Again, he sees a dot in his rear view mirror! *Whooooosh Ka-BbblaMMM!* It plows into the back of his car, demolishing the rear end. The GS club member jumps out, and there is the old man!!! He runs up to the injured old man and says, "You're hurt bad! Is there anything I can do for you?" The old man groans and replies, "Yes. Unhook my suspenders from your side-view mirror!"

Miniature BUICK News

Johnny Lightning is to be producing Turbo Regal in 1/64th scale. No word yet as to the availability but you'll be the first to know. Diamond Collectibles is releasing a **limited edition 1/18th scale 1971 Buick GSX in Fire Red.** There will be only 2500 produced with a serialized window sticker (\$54.95 plus \$4.95 S&H) If you are interested contact Diamond Collectibles; 602 Thelosen Dr.; Kimberly, WI 54136 or Fax your MC of Visa order to (920) 788-2133.

Route 66 Raceway is here!

Route 66 Raceway is opening up this year and it already has a full slate of events including *Hot Rod's Fastest Street Car series* on July 25-6 (that includes an EZ street class) and also a Bracket, Grudge, and Test & tune Schedule. It sure is nice to have a track close to the Chicago area. For more info; *Route 66 Raceway, 3200 S. Chicago St. (Historic Route 66), Joliet, IL 60436 (815) 722-5500 or fax (815) 722-4400.* Ask for their schedules! *http://www.rt66raceway.com/*

So far reviews of the Track have been good and man is it convenient for a Big Buick Bash.!!! We can only hope!

Newsletter Submissions

Working to put out *this newsletter is a heck of a chore*. To make sure <u>your contributions</u> and **especially ads** get printed <u>you need to do the following</u>. <u>Print clearly and neatly</u> (if it can't be read, it won't be used) or Type the information or items. <u>If you have a computer</u>, print a nice clear copy (use only one font or type style) and mail it along with a disk with the file on it (IBM Lotus Ami-Pro or Word Pro, or Microsoft Word or an ASCII file (standard text file) on an IBM disk (3-1/2" 720 kB or 1.4mB size) and include a paper print out of the file in case the file does not work. <u>Send all newsletter</u> article submissions, car show flyers, part number information, etc. to: **Devin Tornow; 5123 N. Merrimac Ave.; Peoria, IL 61614-4657** or **DJTornow@Juno.com**. (No information will be taken over the phone.)

CHAPTER CLASSIFIEDS

----- PARTS FOR SALE ------

86 GN interior parts, back seat, back door panels, trim, dash with plaque, tilt column with cruise, complete steering wheel with horn button, new black carpet \$115, 3:42 posi complete with aluminum drums, fenders, etc. call with needs. *Steve Russo, Orland Park* (708) 873-0468

71 455 Engine, Complete for Rebuilding. \$75. Lots of other 70-72 parts. John McConnell (847) 724-4545

71 Manual Steering box. \$10. Don Easton (815) 436-1139

Wanted: GS Sport Steering Wheel Horn Button. Don Easton (815) 436-1139

----- CARS FOR SALE -----

1970 GS 455 Hardtop. White with black top and black Custom Buckets. A/T, Console, A/C (in op), P.W., P.S., P.Disc, Rallye Ride, 15 X 7s w/ Eagle STs, Gauges, Sport Steering wheel, 3.73 12-bolt, .030 #s match with Stage 1 valves, cam, headers and 3" exh. All mechanicals done, fair paint. Very complete. \$9,500. Naperville. Evenings/Weekends, or leave message: *Mike Fleischer (630) 983-6386 or Email for more details: FleischerM@aol.com*

1986 GN. Full Power, AC, PS, PB, Moon Sun Roof, AM/FM/CD. Quick, Clean, Low 13's. No Tricks. \$8000 or B.O. Joe Mastro (773) 927-2994

1970 GS 455 Hardtop. Harvest Gold, Dark Brown Bucket Interior. Older Restoration using NOS parts. 3:37 12 bolt, Fact. Gauges, Sport Wheel, 15x7 Ralleys, Build Sheet, Good Running. Dependable. \$8500 John McConnell (847) 724-4545

----- MISC FOR SALE or WANTED -----

Johnny Lightning GSX Diecast 1/64th scale cars: If your interested I can help you get a hold of a GSX (*black or yellow*), limited qty.., at my costs (\$4.50 each plus shipping) on a first come (and <u>paid</u>), first served basis. I'm just looking to help out fellow Buick Enthusiasts. <u>Automotive Collectibles List available</u>: Diecast, plastic promotional models, etc. Call or write, SASE helpful <u>Wanted</u>: 1983 Anniv. Riviera brochure / flyer, 1 page about 8x10 with details & picture of car. <u>Wanted</u>: Bad to the Bone Poster, Turbo Literature, Spec Sheets, & Info - looking for the different and also '70-72 GS literature. <u>Wanted</u>: AMT 1989 Indy Turbo Trans Am Pace car model. *Devin Tornow; 5123 N. Merrimac Ave.; Peoria, IL 61614-4657; (309) 693-7506* e-mail:

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